



Stratford Partnership for Youth & Families

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Minutes

In Attendance: Samuel Branyan, Greta Broneill, Nina Chanana, Lt. Curtis Eller, Anna Gasinski, Michelle Harrison, Cheryl Hewitt, Sherri Kelley, Sean Kennedy, Roula Kouvatras, Hannah McLaughlin, James Olsen, Shannon Tripodi, Tammy Trojanowski

Call to Order

Roula Kouvatras called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of May 10, 2016 and June 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Sherri Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2016 and June 12, 2016. Samuel Branyan seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Presentation and Discussion: Stratford Partnership's Progress to Date

Anna Gasinski, Stratford Partnership's DFC Project Coordinator, reviewed the Drug Free Communities Management and Evaluation (DFC ME) that was submitted in April 2016 and approved in June. *PowerPoint is attached.*

Community Updates

- Wayne's Walk 5K was on Saturday, June 25, 2016 and was able to raise \$10,000.
- Stratford Police Department in collaboration with CT Liquor Control conducted an unannounced alcohol compliance check on June 18, 2016. All stores were found in compliance.
- Stratford Police Department, in collaboration with DMHAS Tobacco Prevention Enforcement Program, conducted two unannounced tobacco compliance checks in June. Together 5 stores were found in violation of selling tobacco to a minor.
- Stratford Library's summer programs and activities can be found online: <http://stratfordlibrary.org/>. Flyers were distributed.
- National Dance Day is on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Paradise Green.
- Farmer's Market continues to operate every Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Paradise Green, until late October.

Plusses and Wishes

| Plusses | Wishes |
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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Gasinski". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Anna" and the last name "Gasinski" clearly legible.

Anna Gasinski



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DFC ME



- * Drug- Free Communities Management and Evaluation Progress Report
- * Submitted and approved in April 2016
- * Reported time frame: October 1, 2014 to January 31, 2016
- * Complete/Report on every 6 months
- * Site Visit in October 2015 was found in compliance

Elevator Speech



We are youth and adults working to make Stratford a safe and drug-free community by mobilizing our collective resources and strengthening the developmental assets of our youth. These are the positive qualities and experiences that help our children thrive. The more assets, such as integrity, family support, and responsibility, in a young person's life, the more likely they are to succeed. We work to empower youth to resist underage drinking and drug use as well as to reduce their access to alcohol and drugs.

Did you know.....

Member Capacity




Capacity Accomplishments September 2014- February 2016

- * 2 Coalition Winter Retreats (Intro to DFC & Branding)
- * 2014 Search Institute Survey data presented
- * Summer planning meeting last July
- * Youth Committee Overnight Retreat



Capacity Building Activities to Focus On

- Gathering community input (hearing on drug problems)
- **Recruitment (Increasing membership)**
- Training for Coalition members (building leadership)
- **Building shared vision/consensus (goals/planned activities)**
- Increasing fiscal resources (attaining more funding)
- **Strengthening Interventions (planning/executing prevention initiatives)**
- Outreach (engaging key stakeholders)
- Engaging the general community in substance abuse prevention
- Developing a media plan to draw attention to new drug trends
- Improving information resources
- Other

Processes and Planning

- Strategic Plan, Logic Models for Marijuana and Alcohol and the Year 2 Action plan was submitted.
- The 2014 Search Institute Survey 4 Core Measures were submitted:
 - Past 30-day use ATOD
 - Perception of Harm
 - Perception of Peer Disapproval
 - Perception of Parental Disapproval



Planning Accomplishments Sept 2014 - Feb 2016

- Summer planning meeting (3 hour retreat) with over 40 in attendance- revised Year 2 Action Plan to align with the logic models.
- Winter Retreat- developing a strong Coalition brand and image to match the vision and mission.
- School Assets Committee developed a plan to present Developmental Assets data and its association to youth substance use prevention.



Implementation Strategies: Providing Information

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| Media Campaigns | 11 |
| Media Coverage | 14 |
| Informational Materials Produced | 38 |
| Informational material disseminated | 18,694 (reaching 2,431 adults and 2,118 youth) |
| Social Media Networking | 456 posts (reaching 540 adults and 102 youth) |
| Information on Website | 30 |
| Direct face-to-face presentations | 38 (reaching 563 adults and 262 youth) |
| Special Events (Fairs/Community Events) | 33 (reaching 2,517 adults and 2,293 youth) |

Implementation Strategies: Enhancing Skills

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| Youth Education Training Programs | 23 (reaching 4,100 youth) |
| Parent Education Training Programs | 10 (reaching 730 adults) |
| Teacher/ Youth Worker Training | 0 |
| Community Member Education | 5 (reaching 148 adults) |
| Business Training | 1 (reaching 1 adult) |



Implementation Strategies: Providing Support

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| Alternative drug-free social events | 2 (reaching 50 adults and 692 youth) |
| Youth organizations/drop in centers | 0 |
| Organized youth recreation programs | 0 |
| Youth/Family community involvement (school/neighborhood clean-up) | 0 |
| Youth/Family support groups | 7 (reaching 68 youth) |
| Other: Community service involvement & youth development | 6 (reaching 19 adults and 37 youth) |

Implementation Strategies: Enhancing Access/Reducing Barriers

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| Increase access to Substance Use services | No |
| Reducing home and social access to alcohol and other substances | Yes |
| Improve supports for service use | No |
| Improve access through culturally sensitive outreach | Yes |



Implementation Strategies: Changing Consequences

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| Strengthening Enforcement | Yes |
| Strengthening Surveillance | Yes |
| Recognition Programs | No |
| Publicize Non-Compliance | No |



Implementation Strategies: Physical Design

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| Identify physical design problems | No |
| Clean-up and Beautification | No |
| Improve visibility/ease of surveillance in public places and substance use hotspots | No |
| Promote improved signage/advertising/ practices by suppliers | No |
| Encourage business/supplier designation of "no alcohol" or "no tobacco" zones | No |



Implementation Strategies: Modifying/ Changing Policies

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| Cost: Laws/ public policies concerning cost (alcohol/ tobacco tax, fees) | No |
| Underage Use Laws: targeting use, possession or behavior under the influence of minors | No |
| Schools: policies promoting drug-free schools | Yes (t) |
| Treatment/Prevention: policies promoting treatment or prevention alternatives (diversion treatment for substance abuse offenders) | No |
| Workplace: policies promoting drug-free workplaces | No |
| Citizen enabling: social hosting | No |
| Supplier promotion/liability: policies concerning supplier advertising/ product placement | No |
| Outlet Density: limitations and restriction of location of alcohol outlets | No |

Implementation Strategies: Modifying/ Changing Policies

- Other:
 - Proposed local smoking ban ordinance on Town property and parks
 - Proposed local zoning for a medical marijuana production facility and dispensary
 - Provided alcohol outlet density map for the South End area of Stratford to Zoning Commission and Town Councilwoman regarding a petition to permit a "Class A" liquor license. Petition was denied.



Implementation Summary

- Stratford P.D. conducted over 25 DUI Patrols, conducted surveillance at BHS and SHS after-school hours, including sport events and dances, at local youth "hot spots", and community events.
- Approx. 1,500 pounds of medication was collected and properly disposed of with Medication Drop Box.
- Bi-Annual Alcohol and Tobacco Compliances Checks



Announcements!

Congratulations and
Thank you to all on a
successful year !

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