

MEETING AGENDA

Weymouth Prevention Alliance

Meeting date: 10/18/23

Start time: 4:00 PM

End time: 5:00 PM

Meeting location: Tufts Library Room 232 or [Zoom](#)

Meeting purpose: Reconnect & Focus Goals

TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
4:00	Welcome/Introductions	Group
4:10	Updates	Keryn
4:25	Opioid Survey Results	Keryn
4:45	HEAL Coalition & WPA	Group
4:55	Wrap-Up/ Final Questions	Group



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In Attendance:

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| 1.Alexis Flaherty | 12.Kim Kroeger |
| 2.Ashley | 13.Lou Rizzo |
| 3.Chris Berry | 14.Mary Cole |
| 4.Dan McCormack | 15.Mary Roy |
| 5.Dave Morgan | 16.Paloma Fernandes |
| 6.David Pringle | 17.Paul Smith |
| 7.Dee Lyon | 18.Pete Cavallaro |
| 8.Gena O'Hara | 19.Rebekah St-Clair |
| 9.Jenn Clark | 20.Sarah Gault |
| 10.Kathryn Hubley | 21.Teryn Hermenau |
| 11.Kathy Ernest-Madden | 22.Todd Kerensky |

Minutes:

- Meeting begins with a review of our group agreements.
- Keryn reviews slides from the summer event including The Overdose Remembrance and Candlelight Vigil and The Walk for Hope and Recovery Fest. Please reference the slides to watch the picture slideshow.
- Gena asked if the slideshow of the memorial video is available. Please use the following Link to view the video: [2023 Vigil Memorial Video](#)
- Feedback from the vigil include: if using luminaries try to keep them up longer to get the full effect of the candlelight. Possibly changing the time of next year's vigil to a later time or eliminating the use of luminaries.
- Keryn provided an update of Building Up Youth (BUY) Grant.
- Introduced BUY Youth Leader/Intern Rebekah who provided us with an introduction
- Upcoming BUY strategies including
 - Alcohol purchasing reward system
 - Tobacco permit retail capping
 - Social Norms Campaign/Positive Community Norms Campaign
 - Discussion on Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and how it differs from SBIRT
 - Who develops the survey? The questions are from the CDC and are available for parents and schools to review before the survey is administered.
 - Anonymity is important
- Brief update on Impact Weymouth from Sarah G.
 - 18 contact in Sept.

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- Increase in outreach
- Updates on the results of the Community Opioid Abatement Survey
- Please see the October_WPA Slides to review the summary.
- Overview and group discussion included input from Dr. Kerensky on how the results of the survey don't necessarily line up with what the evidence based best practices show
- Didn't reach all of Weymouth, large groups of underserved populations not responded to the survey
- Keryn presents the graphs generated by Survey Monkey
- Coalition feels there are still gaps in SUD programming in Weymouth
- Discussions on the HEALing Communities Study
- How sustainable is the programming?
- HEAL members are welcome to join WPA
- October is Youth Substance Use Prevention Month
- Keryn is working with SALSA a student group at the High School
- Group will be creating materials to hang up at the school and be presented on social media
- The group began discussion on drugs and the pathways they take to make it into MA
- The contamination of the illicit drug supply