

# **Youth Continuum of Care Coalition (YCCC)**

## **Community Coalition Partnerships (CCP)**

### **April 14, 2016 Monthly Meeting (11:30 AM to 1:00 PM)**

**Meeting called by:** Donine Schwartz, ACPS

**Type of meeting:** Youth Continuum of Care Coalition

**Facilitator:** Donine Schwartz, ACPS

**Recorded:** Voice recording

**Minutes Created by:** Armando Trevino, Program Director

**Members in Attendance:** David Barrera, Donine Schwartz, Tiffany Walters, Fredy White, Iris Ruiz, Amo Vera, Jacob Cosme, Adriana Williams, Jose Lucio, Lydia Downs, Randy Martinez, Johnny M. Barbee, F. Adriano, E. Landeros, B. Murphy, Maricela Munoz, Daniel Rodriguez, Tina Bain, Tiffany Collie, Heather Dixon, Jesikah Guitierrez, Steve Hale, Tina Butler, Beverly Cage, Virginia Longoria, Clarrisa Garza, Joe Hernandez, and Dawn Posada.

## **Agenda topics**

Welcome

Introduction of Partners

Meeting Minutes Review

Power Point was provided for this meeting

### **Underage Drinking:**

\*Donine shared CCP's involvement in community efforts concerning underage drinking. Communities Talk for action. This Town Hall meeting and panel discussion is being sponsored by Texas A&M University Corpus Christi I-ADAPT Coalition in partnership with SAMHSA, Project HOPE, and The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coastal Bend focused to prevent underage drinking and high risk drinking. Meeting and panel discussion will occur on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 between 1:30-3:00pm. Panel will include State Representative Todd Hunter, Chief Kirby Warnike, CCISD Police, Mark Skurka, Nueces County District Attorney, Claudia Ayala, TAMU-CC Counseling Center and Tiffany Collie, Project Hope. Registration is available on line to attend the meeting at <http://iadapt.tamucc.edu/TownHall.html>.

\*Coastal Concerns Coalition Meeting. This is a Coalition effort between Texas Coastal areas to include Beaumont, Galveston, Port Aransas, and South Padre Island. Youth Continuum of Care CCP will be part of the cohesive plan meeting and webinar to discuss coastal problems with underage drinking by youth and college students and parents social hosting in the coastal area especially during spring break. Adults are purchasing alcohol for minors. Goal is to get all coastal area coalitions to create a plan and reduce underage age drinking and social hosting problems in the Coastal regions. A webinar will be held on April 21, 2016 between 3:30-4:30 hosted by BACODA. To sign up RSVP for dial in access code at [Dannielle.Meyer@bacoda.org](mailto:Dannielle.Meyer@bacoda.org) or call 1832-330-5898

### **Prescription Drugs:**

\*National Prescription Take Back event will be held on April 30, 2016 between 10am-2:00pm. Locations will include Goodwill, Precint 1, Precint 2, Huntington Plaza, and KIII TV Station. CCP coordinator will participate in the event and be located at HEB in Bluff to direct community to the nearest drop off location. Goal of the event is for community to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. No needles nor liquids will be allowed at drop off locations. Poster was presented at CCP coalition meeting indicating the exact address locations. CCP Coordinator also reminded coalition members that there are 6 prescription drop off boxes in various locations in Nueces and San Patricio County for disposal of medications as well. The drop-off boxes were placed at various Police or Sheriff Department locations as part of Youth Continuum of Care CCP's efforts and environmental change in the last two years. Fliers were distributed at meeting with addresses and locations.

### **Marijuana/Synthetics:**

\*Regional Synthetic Symposiums are coalition efforts that include 9 coalitions and Prevention Resource Center region 11. The second Symposium will be hosted by Youth Continuum of Care Coalition and Project Hope in Corpus Christi Texas at Del Mar College. Del Mar College is providing the space at no charge for @ 1600 seats. The event will be held on Friday, June 10, 2017 between 8:30-12:00. Speakers will include Assistance Chief of Police Mike Alaniz, Nation Bradley with DPS, Dr. Crocker with Christus Spohn Hospital, Dr. Susan Delterio with University of Texas San Antonio, Mark Skurka with District Attorney's office and Judge Joe Benavides. Synthetic drugs will be discussed. The event is open for all community sectors to attend including high school students.

### **General Business:**

\*CCP members introduced themselves including sector they belong within the community. Donine opened the meeting and asked members to review last month's minutes. Donine introduced Jose Lucio. See section below on the presentation provided by Jose Lucio. A video was provided to share the information on program.

\*Jose Lucio from Texas Challenge Academy presented information on the services provided by the academy. The Academy is a Youth Education Program through the Texas National Guard free to Texas residents 16-18 years of age. It is volunteer program for teens that are at risk of dropping out, who have already dropped, of high school. The program is open to all students, without regard to race, sex, religious affiliation, or household income. Cadets can earn GED, recover high school credits, or if qualified, earn a high school diploma. Includes training in life and job skills, College and Vocational preparation, and enlist in the Armed Forces if qualified. Jose distributed pamphlets on the program and welcomed the opportunity for community to make referrals to the Academy. Questions and answers were shared during this section of presentation. Locations are in East Texas and West Texas one near Houston and one in Sheffield Texas. The program is not a detention nor corrections facility and students attend at their free will. Jose provided cell phone number 979-232-1915 and email: [jlucio@ricecisd.org](mailto:jlucio@ricecisd.org).

\*Virginia with SPCDPH shared that she will be working with Mathis ISD on a Teen Forum. The Forum is for Mathis ISD teaching prevention health subject matters. She is seeking out support from CCP for possible speakers. She will let CCP be aware of the exact date of the event. The event will occur at the end of May.

**New Business:**

\*YCCC CCP's Coordinator introduced "Operation Dry Water". She mentioned that it is an idea inclusive of coalitions involved with Coastal Concerns. The initiative is to partner with law enforcement and public safety agencies and promote Never Boat Under the Influence. The goal is to get boaters to Take the Pledge to never boat under the influence and help raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and boating. It encourages boaters to pledge to make wise decisions about alcohol use, and never drink while boating. Coordinator stated that if members were interested in being part of this initiative, more discussion would take place in future CCP meetings. No decision made on this topic.

\*Reduce underage drinking during Prom and Graduation. Goal and initiative is to contact Limousine Locations and Fun Bus to educate them that open container laws apply in their mode of transportation. They can be held liable if any incidents occur. Members will contact these services to provide education and assist with reducing underage drinking.

**Closing:**

\*Youth member shared his story and growing up in an environment with drugs and alcohol use in his community and his use since seven years old. He discussed how the availability of alcohol and drugs early in his life affected the decisions made in his life including consequences of jail time, teen parent, and addiction to drugs. He shared how his present efforts and goals are to improve and stay drug free.

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- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016