

Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development

Minutes of December 5, 2011 meeting

In attendance: Roberta Brown, Dr. Maureen Brummett, Andrea Bureson, Jonathan Coe, Kim Crowley, Lynn Davis, Nancy Gennett, Matthew Guarino, Aisha Hamid, Eliza Jurzyk, Kate McClellan, Jill Obrien, Donna Osuch, Chris Roy, and Mitch Underwood

Guest: Aimee Roberts

1. **Introductions:** Roberta introduced new Coalition members Nancy Gennett, from the Plainville community, and Andrea Bureson, from AXA Equitable Insurance in Farmington.
2. **Financial Update:** Checking account balance is \$ 708.21 We are pending notification regarding the Elizabeth Norton Trust grant that the Coalition also applied for earlier this year.
3. **SAAC Substance Abuse Survey** – We have selected grades 7, 9 & 11 to participate in the SAAC Substance Abuse Survey, funded by SAAC. The survey will be administered to students online from 12/12 – 12/21 and will focus on substance abuse and other issues relative to youth. The group agreed that the survey data will be insightful and helpful in applying for future grants.
4. **Student Advisory Committee** – Kate and Eliza reported that the committee meets monthly and is working on a “Join Something” campaign to connect Plainville High School students to opportunities including sports, clubs and activities at the high school.
5. **TIPS Training** – We hope to reschedule the TIPS Training for local alcohol servers / retailers with Father Kaprial from SAAC sometime in January – date to be determined.
6. **Business Breakfast** – The Coalition’s Business Breakfast has been rescheduled for April 3, 2012, from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM at Plainville High School. **The Business Breakfast Subcommittee will meet on January 9, at 10:00 AM in the Recreation Department conference area** to continue planning for the event.
7. **Community Education and Prevention Campaign Timeline** – Tabled to the January 2012 meeting.
8. **Student Success Plans** – Dr. Brummett provided an overview of the Connecticut State Department of Education Student Success Plans. The Student Success Plan (SSP) is an individualized student driven plan that will be developed to address every students needs and interests to help students stay

connected in school and to achieve post secondary educational and career goals. Discussion followed as to how the Coalition could support this initiative. Ideas included support and assistance in the following areas:

- Exposure to career opportunities
- Job shadowing
- Parent career fair

Effective July 1, 2012, school districts, including Plainville, must have plans in place for this initiative. It was decided that the best way to formulate a plan would be to establish a (SSP) subcommittee.

9. **Member Updates** - Aisha reported that there will be an informational session on January 11, from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM at CMHA regarding prescription drug drop boxes to be located in the police department. Roberta will attend the meeting. This will eliminate the need for individual drug take back events in the community. Donna Osuch reported that the United Way will be offering two parent leadership trainings at no cost. The first is Parents Supporting Educational Excellence, which will run for 12 weeks and the second in Parent Leadership Training Institute, which is a 20 week course and offers CEUs. Donna will forward additional information. Matt reported that the Looking in Theatre Group will visit the Middle School on December 15 to do skits /discussion on youth issues.

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 9, 2012, 11:00 AM.**