# <u>MINUTES</u> Tuesday, 9/28/2021, 6:00 pm, Zoom Video Communications



## **ATTENDANCE:**

### Sector Representatives:

Rebecca Burnside, Parent Rep., President Karin Schroeder, Civic/Volunteer Rep., Co-Vice President Cheryl Rozzi, Government Rep and Co-Vice President Maria Pentcheva, Healthcare Rep.

#### Other:

Christal Olivero, National Guard Counterdrug Task Force TSgt. Carissa Siry, National Guard Counterdrug Task Force SSG Jessica Alese, National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Deacon Dzierzowski, Epiphany Community Services

#### Staff:

Randy Hansen, SAFE in Sag Harbor Program Coordinator Kym Laube, HUGS Inc. Program Director Alexandria Migliozzi, SAFE Youth Coordinator

### 1. No Minutes to approve.

### 2. Sticker Shock

Karin gave an update on the most recent Sticker Shock on August 28, 2021. There were about 10 kids and a few supervising adults. The event was well received at the liquor stores and the kids had a good time. TSgt. Carrisa Siry, Randy, and Alexandria also went through Main Street to distribute purple light bulbs and flyers for National Recovery Month, which started September 1, 2021. Several friends had mentioned that they had seen the stickers and hang tags when they went to the liquor stores after the sticker shock. This event was in the Sag Harbor Express a few weeks ago.

# 3. Overdose Awareness/Recovery Month

Cheryl gave the update on the Overdose Awareness and Recovery Month event held September 8, 2021 at the windmill. The event had been postponed from the week before due to weather. The postponement likely impacted the turnout for the event, but the overall event was successful. The Windmill was lit purple, as well as several businesses throughout the village. Nancy Remkus gave the welcoming prayer, Alfredo Merat played music, Kym shared a message on recovery, Jay Schneiderman from Southhampton Town said a few words, Cheryl spoke on behalf of Legislator Fleming, and Rebecca spoke as well. Nancy led the group in a sing-along of Lean On Me. Hampton Coffee donated coffee and Thrive donated cookies from Levain Bakery for the event.

## 4. Harborfest

Randy reported that she and Alexandria were on the wharf both days for Harborfest and felt that the event was successful. Many people stopped by the table to ask questions, spin the wheel, and mention that they had seen SAFE recently in the paper. Karin and Cheryl also were present during Harborfest and helped to answer questions about the coalition. Alexandria had several Pierson students sign up to be notified of the upcoming youth coalition. Spin the wheel was a big hit, where people could win candy, bandaid kits, pens, journals, masks, or bags after answering a True/False question. There were different question sets each day--on Saturday pertaining to underage drinking and on Sunday pertaining to youth marijuana use. Unfortunately, the whales were delayed and didn't come in time to be giveaways.

## 5. School Survey

Kym shared an update on the New York State Youth Risk Behavior Survey that will be administered later this year. Sag Harbor schools have always participated and will be this year as well. This is the third year/round that SAFE will use survey data. Unfortunately, the survey this year does not include all of the required metrics needed for DFC requirements. Deacon will help create an additional survey to meet all grant requirements. This data will be helpful in helping SAFE understand in what ways COVID has impacted substance use amongst youth. We also discussed ways to understand more of what is going on within the community. Deacon suggested doing more frequent community scans, asking 3-4 questions every time members of the coalition go out, as a means of looking for things to improve in the community. If you are interested in being on this subcommittee, please contact Randy.

#### 6. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

National prescription drug take back day is October 23, 2021. We got feedback in the past Leg. Fleming has been involved, having it at the police station wasn't as successful, but the firehouse has been more successful. It was discussed to pair the event with something else to increase the success of the event. Karin was willing to reach out to the fire chief.

Cheryl will work with Michael Iasilli in Fleming's office and David Falkowski to try and schedule a Narcan training close to October 23, 2021 where we would also advertise the drug take back. It was also discussed to other places unwanted drugs are found, likely left behind from summer tenants. Thoughts of contacting cleaning companies and brokerage offices to hand out palm cards to inform them, the owners, and tenants of rentals, including drop off locations of Sag Harbor Pharmacy, Police Department, AND supplying Deterra bags from HUGS. SAFE will have a small work group to create the palm card, please contact Alexandria if interested. Kym is going to reach out to David to see how we can further collaborate on a potential Narcan training. Carrisa suggested a trunk or treat partnership, if any are being done in Sag Harbor. We could present education on edibles and avoiding accidental poisoning

Kym shared about some of the Green Port overdoses, and Maria spoke about a few recent deaths in Amagansett and East Hampton. Maria has been in contact with the coroner, who said there have been 22 overdose deaths in the Hamptons in the last month.

#### 7. Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week will be October 23-31, 2021. Kym mentioned that in the past there has been a committee at Pierson that works on Red Ribbon week, Karin has emailed them and we are currently in the process of getting a meeting set up to meet with them. In a prior year, the Drug Free Allstars have come to play. Kym reached out and they would be happy to come, but likely in the Spring. Carissa says that they have helped Girl and Boy Scouts earn patches through the DEA. She has shared some of their resources with Randy via email. They have also paired the patches with community scans or beach clean up.

### 8. 2021-2022 Budget

Kym shared a summary of the 2021-2022 budget. A budget detail will be attached to the email. As we enter year 7, our required match increases and encourages the coalition to think about sustainability.

### 9. Marijuana Legislation

Kym shared a summary of the upcoming marijuana legalization. The village will only have control over time, place, and manner if they "opt in." Towns/villages have until the end of the year to choose to "opt in" or "opt out." If a village chooses to "opt in" they can never "opt out," but if they choose to "opt out" this year, they could "opt in" at a later date. The towns/villages will get direct revenue from the sales of products. Currently there are no regulations from NYS, those are expected later this year. Southampton town has "opted in." Kym speculates that this is because the Shinnecock nation will be willing. If "opted in," marijuana would be legal in the village anywhere tobacco is. Kym suggested finding a connection to Mayor Larocca to understand what way the Village might be leaning. Everyone was willing to meet and connect on this topic.

Kym discusses ARIDE vs. DRE training for police officers. ARIDE trained officers are only able to ask "have you been smoking marijuana?" The driver can answer yes or no, but they can only do anything if their answer was

yes. A DRE officer is able to enforce DUI with drugs. DRE training is very expensive and there are not many trained. Kym thinks there are only 13 DRE trained officers in Suffolk County.

# **SEVEN STRATEGIES**

- 1. Providing Information
- 2. Enhancing Skills
- 3. Providing Support
- 4. Enhancing Access/Reducing Barriers
- 5. Changing Consequences (Incentives/disincentives)
- 6. Physical Design
- 7. Modifying/Changing Policies