



Local Prevention Council (LPC)
Meeting Minutes 02/27/2024

Call to order by Matthew Cox at 10:33 a.m. in the Blake Room at the Somers Public Library

Members in attendance: Timothy Keeney, Aiden Matthews, Katherine Mashiak, Rev. Scott Spence, Maureen Parsell, Kim Littig, Justin Preuss, Margot Martello, Bob Schmidt, Gail Tishler, Joanne Nichting, Craig Jones, Nancy Devlin, Arianna Flagg, and Matthew Cox.

Guest in attendance: Troy Monroe from Scout Collective

Welcome and Introductions led by Matthew.

Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2024. A motion was made by Bob Schmitt to accept the 1/23/24 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Maureen Parsell. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Drug free Communities Grant Updates: Matthew reported that he and Arianna Flagg, our new prevention coordinator, attended the DFC National Leadership Forum/Annual Conference/DFC graduation event in Washington, DC. January 28 to February 1st.

Annual Performance Report in Progress. Matthew reported that the DFC Annual Performance Report (and application for continuation funding in 2025) is due on March 13th. Staff are already working on the report, and we are on track to submit on time.

New Business

Arianna reported that with the three-year license we purchased last fall, we will launch our first screening of the film series Screenagers on March 20th from 6 to 8pm at Somers High School – students, parents, and the community are welcome. Screenagers is a film series developed to focus on the science of teen neurodevelopment, the impact of “screen time” on teen brains/decision-making, and ways that parents can monitor and influence the screen time of their teens to promote understanding and prevent harm. Arianna reported that the first screening will be followed by Q&A sessions for parents and teens and that we will have a resource/meet-and-greet table available for Coalition members.

Mission, Vision, Values – Troy Monroe from Scout Collective led a robust conversation to continue our discussion and understanding of the key foundational elements for an effective coalition. To keep the momentum moving between monthly meetings, he asked for volunteers to serve on a time-limited Action Team.

Craig Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Kassy Mashiak seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Cox for Brian Langan