

NLCCC Minutes

April 21, 2023

Members in Attendance: Ellen Kleckner (NLYA), Gail Palladino-Marsh (NLYA), Margaret Lancaster (LLHD), Thompson Lewis (Juv. Prob), Deborah Walker (SERAC), Dale Clark (NLHS), Paola Cruz (NLYA), Carol Jones (Alliance for Living); Miles Daniels (Community Level Up Inc); Jeanne Milstein (NL Human Services), Cindy Alvarez (NLYA), Nicole Broadus and Laureen Meade (SADD) virtually.

Welcome and Introductions

- Gail opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m., last meeting 2/3/23

Opioid Settlement Funding

- Jeanne Milstein discussed the 4 sub-committees (By-laws, Finance Compliance, Process and Public Participation) that will determine how the funds will be dispersed, and role of Opioid Action Team.
- Deborah Walker discussed the \$5,000 opioid mini-grant for marketing, billboards, Narcan training etc.

NLCCC Recap/Updates

- Paola discussed the 3-part Teen Vaping Prevention Series, held in March, presented by agency professionals, for NLYA Teen Links/COOL, focused on health, mental health, consequences.
- Cindy discussed the DMAS Substance Abuse/Mental Health Focus Group re COVID impact, that was held with the NLYA teens.
- Gail discussed the NLCCC Vaping Curricula Response for BDJ identified students, and the "Teach the Teacher" MS/HS Prevention Training re: substance use/trends that is being coordinated with NLYA, SERAC, NLPS.

Upcoming NLCCC Initiatives

- Margaret discussed the 4/22/23 Drug Take Back event, in collaboration with NLPD, w/NLCCC prescription deactivation pouches distribution
- Nicole discussed obtaining Girls Circle Curricula, to be utilized during the summer with 11-14 yr olds, targeting the relationships unit (cont'd)

- Margaret summarized LLHD Narcan Training for NLYA CYEP (CT Youth Employment Program) teen employees, with trained teens receiving kits
- Cindy highlighted National Prevention Week (5/7-13) – Teen Links youth that attended vaping series will distribute vaping prevention info & NLCCC prevention school/summer vaping messaging items (chargers, visors, string bags) to CYEP interviewees
- Ellen described GPP (Governor's Prevention Partnership) OJJDP Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Grant Kick-off round table 5/8 event at 3 Rivers, through Joe Courtney's office

SADD Overview

- Lauren Meade discussed the history of SADD, examples of substance abuse/mental health units, curricular/tool kit, and their leadership approach, NLCCC will explore SADD as a future opportunity

Next Meeting: June 2nd – Presentation: Postvention – Mark Irons, SERAC