

South Salt Lake
**Coalition for
Drug Free Youth**
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October 17, 2011 11:30 A.M.

Meeting Minutes

Columbus Community Center
2531 S. 400 E. Rm. 101 SLC, UT

October Monthly theme: **Dedication**

Next month: Reliability

In Attendance: Abbie Vianes, Alli Lachowsky, Dane Olson, Derek Hoffman, Erikka Fisk, Jennifer Allred, Kari Cutler, Kitt Curtis, Morgan Marietti, Rob Timmerman, Sana Finau, Terry Ann Olson, Kristen Snow

Excused: Cassandra Meyers, Craig Anderson, Debi Tabor, Leanne Geigle, Marni Timmerman

Announcements- Rob:

- October is Anti-Bullying Month
- Lights On Afterschool – Hser Ner Moo, Saturday Oct. 20, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Spooktacular! Friday October 26th 6pm-9pm Ye Ol' Granite High School
- Cultural Competency Training-SL Mayor's Coalition. Oct. 30th 3-5pm Downtown Library.
- YCC-Has a lot of members!
- Member In-Kind Reports Due November 23

Welcome and Introductions- Rob:

Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference Reports-Dane, Terry, Morgan, Derek, Erikka, Kitt, & Sana:

On behalf of the group that attended the Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference, we can't say thank you enough to the Coalition and its members for letting us attend. Each and every one of us learned so much and the information presented was definitely of value. Some of the highlights from the Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference were:

Dane- Spoke about the two mothers who lost their sons, and stressed the importance of that is the core reason why this coalition exists. He stated that overall the conference was very meaningful and really touched home for him.

Terry- She stated that this year was a lot more clinical than the past years, as she has had the opportunity to attend the conference in previous years as well. She stated, “It was very interesting to learn the science behind things. For example, why the drinking age is 21 and the science behind brain development related to this. Angie Watson’s talk about her losing her son to a prescription drug overdose was very emotional and it was a good message to send home to everyone. This really rang true for our messages that we are trying to send to our community here in South Salt Lake with our use only as directed campaign, lockboxes, take back events, etc.”

Morgan and Derek- SHARP Survey Reports

Erikka- She stated that she was so incredibly grateful for the experience and something that stood out to her was just the overall process of a prevention conference and the types of people that were there. She stated that all of the data presented was very interesting and the discussion of the affordable care act was one of her highlights. It was very intriguing to see how this opens many doors for prevention practices.

Kitt- As Kitt reflected back on his experience at the conference, he stated that it was amazing to see the growth of the Fall Conference. He was very grateful for the experience and the Coalition. One of his highlights was the privatization of alcohol in the state of Washington conference and how they have dealt with the effects of this. Within that state in particular, there has been an increase in crime, DUI’s, incarceration, etc. He thought this information was valuable and needed to be shared with the coalition in case this privatization issue comes up here in Utah as well. Kitt stated the importance of sharing prevention messages with everyone.

Sana- As Sana reflected back on her experience, she stated that, “Working directly with teens, I found this conference to be very beneficial to me. There are so many problems that our kids are faced with each and every day and because of the conference, I am not able to give the kids resources now that will help them.” She also expressed her gratitude to the coalition for allowing her to take part in this experience.

Community Character Initiative Report and Launch- Morgan Marietti: The 2013 CCI materials have now been printed and we couldn’t be more thrilled for this upcoming CCI Launch!! This year we have added one additional character face to be the overall representative of the initiative. All 13 people are amazing individuals who give so much to our community and we can’t thank them enough for all that they do. We will be hosting our CCI 2013 Kick-Off Party on Thursday, November 1st beginning at 6pm at the PAL Boxing Center.

RX Take Back Event Review: The RX Take Back Event was another huge success this year!! At this year’s fall event, we were able to get more RX drugs off the streets and out of medicine cabinets than we ever have had before! We wouldn’t be able to run events like this if it weren’t for the help of all of our coalition members, we can’t thank you enough for your help once again with this event! If you would like the exact number of lbs. of RX drugs collected, please email Rob Timmerman at rob@ssldrugfree.org.

ETAFI Review: The Eat Together as a Family Initiative launched its second kick-off event on Saturday, October 6th at Fitts Park. With partnership with The Community Co-Op, we were able to distribute food shares to approximately 70-75 families who then participated in a week long eat together as a family initiative. Each day families were encouraged to eat more meals together each and every day. Whether

that was breakfast, lunch, dinner or even snacks, the important thing was that families were eating together and were sharing that time with their children rather than watching TV or eating separately. This second round of the initiative was a huge success and we have had more than half the families who participated also return their follow up surveys. This helps us to gather data that we can use for future initiatives such as these. A special thanks to the Community Co-Op and to all of our volunteers and staff who helped to make this event such a huge success!!

Sharing the Promise Presentation- Kari Cutler: Kari began her presentation by sharing with the group the importance of spreading the word about Promise SSL. The Mayor's Office has come up with a written speech that people can use or refer to when talking about Promise SSL. As soon as this presentation is made available to the public, we will share it with all of our coalition members. She also highly recommended the book, "*My Orange Duffle Bag.*" This is about a South Salt Lake's man's struggle with drugs and his journey through life. Please share this book with anyone you interact with and you think may benefit from it.

****Agenda Item: 2012-2013 Work Plan-Goals and Activities has been moved to next month's meeting agenda due to limited time.****

Other Business:

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Month's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 21st at 11:30am at the Columbus Center Room #101. Hope to see you there!