



## **AHL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 16 ,2022

**Al Merritt Media and Cultural Center, 600 Market Street, 2nd Floor**

**Participants:** Peg Sallade, Julie Greene, Linda Naccara, Heather Day, Abby Porter, Dr. Natasha Shah, Diane Courtney, Ron Block, Scott Formica, Dave Thomson, Brian Holihan

### **I: Introductions & Welcome**

### **II: Coalition Business:**

- A. Approve April Minutes
  - a. A motion was made to approve April minutes. Motion seconded and passed and minutes were approved.
- B. Welcome Diana DeLeo, Community Engagement & Outreach Coordinator
  - a. New Staff Member Diana DeLeo has begun and will be joining us in our in-person June 13, 2022 meeting.

### **III: New Business:**

- A. Policy Discussion:
  - a. Continued conversations on policy and access-group discussion
    - i. Group conversation on why policy is important for our work
      - 1. Outlined in our grants as a key strategy
      - 2. Impact of community level strategies vs individual strategies
      - 3. Highlighted Policies passed or modified from other coalitions with DFC funding
  - b. Group identified possibilities throughout the community where there's potential policy opportunities
    - i. Conversation on Mental Health Screenings - SBIRT / SOS
    - ii. Heather Day - Riverside discussed workplace policy that support telehealth sessions, mental health, access to treatment
    - iii. Group identified "restorative practice" such as support groups potentially for schools

### **IV: Program Updates:**

- A. Community Outreach
  - a. AHL will be tabeling at Public Safety Open House, Lynnfield Arts Festival

- b. Lynnfield for Love has upcoming events- Pride Day June 4th, Race Amity Day, Race Amity Day June 12th, Juneteenth Opal Lee Walk June 18th (A flyer was shared)
  - c. Rotary - Build A Bed Event May 21th, 10 am, Lynnfield Fire Station South.\$350 buys a bed and mattress for kids in need. This is a service event. Anyone can contribute time or funds. (A flyer was shared)
  - d. Think of Michael Event - Trivia Night May 26th at Break Away, 6:30 p.m. Tickets on event brite. Supports the Think of Michael Foundation and individuals seeking sober housing and recovery support.
- B. Youth Program Updates
- a. Youth Council - 8 Youth Council Leaders attended a virtual Kick Butts Day hosted by The 84 Movement, a statewide movement fighting against the tobacco and vaping in Massachusetts, Kick Butts Day allowed the students to meet with Senator Brendan Crighton and Rep Brad Jones staff member to talk about their concerns of issues affecting them and their peers as well as advocated for more inclusive and relatable prevention education, screening, intervention and treatment efforts for mental health as well as continued funding for public health to ensure enforcement of access to vapes
- C. Civic Action Project:
- a. Brian Holihan provided updates on the Spring Civic Action Project Showcase that marks the end of his year long fellowship supporting LHS Sophomores and their Civic projects
  - b. Brian highlighted 3 groups that identified Substance Misuse topics for their Civic Action Project. The projects were focused on:
    - i. Education on the Dangers of Fentanly and Access to Fentantly test strips as a harm reduction strategy
    - ii. Driving Safety-Dangers of Texting and Impaired Driving-host a Simulator Event for next school year.
    - iii. A Presentation to the Board of Health on continued enforcement on illegal sale of tobacco products to minors, as well ongoing education for retailers
- D. Subcommittee Updates:
- a. Health Expo- Update from Subcommittee on final logistics. Requested volunteers for Friday night set up, Saturday morning set up, and Saturday afternoon clean up.
  - b. Update on vendors, entertainment, and costs: The Chamber is the fiscal lead on this event. Funds from sponsors will cover partial costs of the event, including entertainment and food which grant funding can not cover. AHL is contributing to costs of supplies, signage, and marketing of the event. No vote needs to be taken on expenses from AHL 501c3 as the funds are contributed through the Chamber.
    - i. Everyone was asked to help market this event

**Upcoming Meeting : July 11, 2022, in person at the AI Merrit Media and Cultural Center**