



WCCY MINUTES

Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

Date | time 11/06/2024 12:30 pm-1:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Nancy Floyd Richardson

In Attendance

Karen Zak, Genesis Knight, Cindy Wilson, Bonnie Wertenberger, Debbie Saenz, Stacey Bian, Amber Volano, Anne Bozik, Jennifer Noel, Lottie Roy, Tom Mallon, Melonie Hendry, Rebecca Sahar, David Conn, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Floyd Richardson, Amanda Gruebel, Caden Gruebel, Laurretta Compton, Jenniffer Masters, Susie Tooke, Jolene Robinson, Novella Franklin, Melanie Worley, Kaizsa Threath, Olivia Piazza

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October Meeting – Rebecca Sahar and David Conn Approved

Agenda Items/Presentation

1. Laurretta Compton and Jenniffer Masters on Future Leaders of Wakulla:

- Future Leaders of Wakulla gives youth the opportunity to network within the community and find growth in communication, networking, and developing organizational skills. They are finding ways to give youth in our community more safe spaces and activities by working on community projects and events.
- As a 'Community Pride Project,' FLOW will be collecting hygiene items to create "hygiene kits" for middle schoolers in Wakulla Co. The project name is "Fresh n Shine." Supplies being collected will include: shampoo, body wash, deodorant, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Vaseline, and hair ties. Paperwork will be submitted on 11/27 and collection will begin.
- FLOW will be hosting Teen Science Café events with their first topic revolving around recycling. Event is called, "Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose, Upcycle." Youth have created a podcast, a YouTube video, and posters to advertise. This free event will include a special live presentation with guest speakers and will be held on 11/19/24 at the 4H Extension office, 84 Cedar Ave. All are welcome to attend!

2. Karen Zak on Drug-Free Communities Grant:

- Library Story-Walk: Gave out 300 updated Resource and Referral guides, 78 adults took our Community Attitudes survey with 50 requesting to be added to our email list, 37 additional adults took the survey online after the event
- Community Attitudes Survey: Objectives of the survey are to gauge adult attitudes toward alcohol use in teens, and to find out where youth are getting alcohol and the location of use. Possible action items to help with our findings might be: parent education, more compliance checks needed, party patrols, or posing a social host ordinance.
- New Parent Facebook group: Parent Connection. There's currently 43 members with a goal of at least 100. Community service providers are welcome to join the group to aid in discussions. Objectives of the group are to provide support and education to parents and connect parents with local health professionals. Link to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/468203632905643>
- Parent Information Kiosk #1 installed at Wakulla County Public Library. Themed parent education and support materials will be updated each month. October was Substance Use Prevention Month, November is Child Safety Protection month and "No Vape November."

- Social Norms Poster #1 Distribution: 10 posters at COAST Charter, and others were distributed during the meeting to the agencies represented
 - Please follow and share our Instagram page: Instagram.com/wakullaccy
3. **1Lt. Aaron Taylor with Florida Army National Guard Night Vision Prevention Program:**
- Night Vision is their counter-drug program with a mission for outreach/networking with coalitions/communities and providing prevention education for students.
 - To schedule a presentation, contact Aaron at: aaron.c.taylor40.mil@army.mil
4. **Nancy Floyd Richardson on Treasurer Nominations:**
- Our current treasurer is stepping down and we are now accepting nominations for a replacement. Voting will be held at our next meeting, 12/4/24.
 - The position is a 2 year commitment

County Report

Mike Kemp – N/A

Sheriff Report

Lt. Tom Mallon: Will be meeting with the SROs to see if one of those officers will be a better fit to be our law enforcement representative. Will report back at our December meeting.

School District Report

Amy Bryan: Narcan is now available in all schools; No school on Veterans Day 11/11 and no school for the Thanksgiving break 11/25-11/29.

Treasurer Report

David Conn:

Partner Reports

Melonie Hendry (Healthy Families – Franklin/Wakulla/Gulf): Provides child development education, free screening, and parent support, etc.

Rebecca Sahar (Library): Santa's Mailbox is up in front of the courthouse – please include name and address in your letter so that Santa can respond; Saturday Storytime is 11/23; Storytime with Sherrif Miller 12/6 at 5:30 PM; Holiday Animal Tales at the Community Center 12/10; Mommy and Me Yoga Class 1/9/25; Manga Club – middle school group meets 2nd Thursday of the month and high school group meets 3rd Thursday of the month; Code Combat (kids will get to learn how to program and code) 1/22/25 on Wednesdays

Stacey Bian (DISC Village): An updated intake survey is available (juvenile and adult)

Kaizsa Threatt (MADD): Steppin' to a Safer Holiday Challenge is happening this month Nov 1 – Nov 30. Register yourself or a team, and track your steps. Raise \$100 and receive a 2024 Steppin' Shirt. Kaizsa.threatt@madd.org

Olivia Piazza (TMH): Has leftover Spanish Safe Sleep backpacks to give away for those in need. November Cooking Safety checklist for parents is on the wccy.org website.

Anissa Southall (Wakulla Center at TSC): Electrical and welding classes at the Advanced Manufacturing and Training Center (AMTC) at TSC Main Campus in Tallahassee - telephone number is (850) 201-9720. HVAC course is at the TSC Gadsden Center in Quincy - telephone number is (850) 558-3620. Healthcare courses are offered at the TSC Gadsden Center in Quincy and the Wakulla Center in Crawfordville - telephone number: (850) 558-3525.

Next Meeting

December 4th, 2024 at 12:30 pm at **Wakulla County Public Library** & Virtually