



WCCY MINUTES

Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

Date | time 05/01/2024 12:30 pm-1:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Jennifer Phillips

Invocation:

Debbie Saenz

In Attendance

Jennifer Phillips, Debbie Saenz, Anne Vinson, Karen Zak, Nancy Floyd Richardson, Jana McCommon, Bonnie Wertemberger, Lisa Sherry, Allison Leatzow, Anne Bozik, Stephanie Cash, Novella L Franklin, Mike Kemp, Christina Ash, Gabrielle Aboki, Kiersten Smith, Kenzie Krueger, Jennifer McCarthy, Stacey Bian

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April meeting – Jennifer McCarthy and Novella L Franklin Approved

Agenda Items/Presentation

1. Jennifer Phillips on Drug-Free Communities grant deliverables update(s):
 - Website (www.wccy.org) and email (hello@wccy.org) have been set up and are active
 - WCCY Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WakullaCCY) and WCCY Instagram page (www.instagram.com/wakullaccy) have been set up and are active
 - “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum is being implemented at COAST charter school to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (7/10 lessons complete)
 - Social Norms posters: 3/3 have been posted at COAST charter school
 - Student Planners need to be ordered for COAST charter school
 - WCCY had a table at Family Fun Day and had several parents sign up for Active Parenting education
 - Community Assessment Map and Hot Spot Mapping Questions have been submitted and are awaiting committee approval
 - Need to develop a newsletter for WCCY members (constant contact form), a youth leadership committee
2. Nancy Richardson to reach out to homeschool group to gain their support
3. Mike Kemp to check “life skills funding” from NWF Health Network (Mike Watkins) to see if any of that funding can be used to fill in the gaps with our DFC grant
4. STOP Act Grant – Bonnie and Cindy are submitting the application soon
 - Specifically for alcohol prevention and reduction (using Safety First curriculum)
 - \$60,000/year for 4 years
 - Communication campaign with billboards, magazines, and newspapers and 6 alcohol/drug-free youth events (i.e. sports tournament(s), Rock the Dock partnership, etc)
5. Karen Zak was elected to be the new WCCY Secretary

County Report

N/A

Sheriff Report

David Conn: N/A

School District Report

Jana McCommon: Standardized testing is continuing, Graduation is 5/17, Early Release days 5/21 and 5/22 with 5/22 being the last day of school, Summer Reading Camp will be at Medart Elementary for 1st-3rd grade, Summer Feeding Program sites are at WEC, Medart Elementary, and Wakulla Middle (free breakfast and lunch)

Treasurer Report

David Conn: N/A

Partner Reports

Kiersten Smith (State Farm): Taking appointments with teens who are at higher risk for getting in accidents (as a free service) – just call her office to make an appointment.

Gabrielle Aboki (ELC Big Bend): Kidpreneur summer business program running from June – August for ages 8-12 and registration is now open. It's a summer business learning program and kids can choose from 4 different business models and learn how to grow their business, learn business tips, and will have the opportunity to participate in a market where they can sell items they've made.

<https://elcbigbend.org/kidpreneur/>

Nancy Richardson: Robin Hassler Thompson with STAC (Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center) has two events coming up in Wakulla working with the TCC Wakulla Center. In June, a human trafficking survivor travelling mural will be on display and a community meeting will be held to gather people together in Wakulla in order to collaborate ideas and services offered to our citizens. Details to follow.

WCCY was featured in the April edition of the Wakulla Living – if anyone has a community spotlight that they would like featured in an upcoming issue, contact Nancy.

Nancy is also now working with Fiore Communications and is open to collaborating with any nonprofits/associations for PR, social media, website content work, etc.

Kenzie Krueger: Wakulla Co reporter with ABC 27 News, 850-755-7111

Next Meeting

June 5th, 2024 at 12:30 pm at Wakulla County Chamber & Virtually