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**Greater Portsmouth Youth Wellness Coalition**

**February 19, 2025**

**Attendees:**

**Amy Michaels, Meghan Stewart, Larry McCullough, Chris Burke, Brady Barry, Mary Calhoun, Sam Thamsen, Ashley Murphy, Tricia Brannen, Gretyl Macalaster, Jordan Trombino, Mariah Smith**

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome, introductions, and opening activity
2. Coalition spotlight – NH Teen Institute
3. Current Coalition Projects – Amy
4. Roundtable Share

**Discussion:**

1. Welcome, introductions and opening activity
2. Coalition Spotlight – New Hampshire Teen Institute: <https://www.nhteeninstitute.org/>
   1. Slides attached in email
   2. NH Teen Institute runs the following programs:
      1. Leaders in Prevention (Middle School)
      2. 2 youth retreat programs
      3. Day programs for youth
      4. Parent engagement
      5. Professional development
   3. 60-80% of staff/volunteers at Teen Institute programs are returning TI alumni!
   4. Scholarships are available for programs based on risk and protective factors
   5. For more info, please reach out to Maura McGowan, Program Director at [mmcgowan.ti@gmail.com](mailto:mmcgowan.ti@gmail.com)
3. Current Coalition Projects & Updates
   1. Portsmouth Middle School students took the YRBS last week and had a 94% completion rate
      1. Teachers reported that students took the survey seriously
      2. A couple of parents opted out of their students taking the survey
   2. Portsmouth Middle School Youth 2 Youth club is working on a PSA project
      1. Connect with Nicole’s community contact for filming support
      2. Library can play the PSA as a preview for their movie days!

**Next Meeting: March 19th at 3:30pm**

**Great Bay Community College – WorkReadyNH Classroom**