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**Greater Portsmouth Youth Wellness Coalition**

**May 15, 2024**

**Attendees:**

**Amy Michaels, Meghan Stewart, Larry McCullough, Sam Thamsen, Anya, Kim Harty, Chris Burke, Katie Soule, Jordan Trombino, Dave Cosgrove, Joanne, Josh, Tricia Labelle, Anna Nuttall, Danielle**

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Upcoming summer activities
   1. National Night Out
   2. Prescott Park Family Movie Night
3. Data Review – Getting to Y Activity
4. Reminder for August 15 meeting and member updates

**Discussion:**

1. Welcome
2. Upcoming summer activities – we are looking for Coalition volunteers to help us with these events!! Please reach out Amy if you are interested in helping
   1. National Night Out 🡪 August 6th at 5-7pm at Gosling Meadows
      1. We will be doing face painting with volunteers from Portsmouth High School
      2. Community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood strengthening
   2. Prescott Park Family Movie Night 🡪 August 12th at 6pm at Prescott Park
      1. Screening of Wish movie
      2. Movie starts at dusk and the Coalition will be tabling with some yard games from the rec center
3. Data review
   1. Amy gave an overview of the Core Measures and why this Coalition is prioritizing these (DFC reporting required):
      1. Past 30 day use – alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana
      2. Perception of risk or harm
      3. Perception of parental disapproval
      4. Perception of peer disapproval
   2. The group reviewed the most recent set of YRBA data from the High School and identified priorities/themes
      1. We want the community to recognize prevention messaging more – understanding the effects of early use on kids’ brains and development
      2. There was a huge jump in use between 9 & 10th graders and 11 & 12th graders – is there an intervention that needs to happen after sophomore year?
      3. Concerns about the reporting of kids trying alcohol at such a young age as well as the perception of how easy it is for youth to get substances at school
   3. There was a lot of conversation about why this information from the YRBS is not shared with parents and the larger community
      1. Can this data be posted on the school website?
      2. Distributed to parents?
      3. The YRBS can be a tool given to parents to let them know what topics they may want to discuss with their kids i.e. sexual health and violence
4. Update on B3 Youth Clinic Summer Kickoff
   1. The summer kick off event of B3 Youth Clinic was a huge success with about 40-50 kids in attendance!
   2. The mayor came and the community feedback was amazing

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 15th from 9am-12pm at Pinetree Institute**

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Please RSVP to Amy!!