Glove City Coalition Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

Attending: MacKenzie MaKarowsky, ATFC/RC Catholic Charities, Krista Peterson, ATFC/RC Catholic Charities, Carolyn Peck, HFM Prevention Council, Valerie Acklin, Gloversville Public Library, Becky Lindsey, FCOFA, AJ Bryk, IPH Fulton House, Jennifer Hammons, Chamber of Commerce, Niurka Diaz G, Alliance for Positive Health, Andrew Marcinia, MVP Healthcare, Kathy Stangle, Fulmont Headstart, Ginger Cato, Rob Constantine Recovery Center.

Note taker: Ginger Cato

Valerie welcomed everyone to our first in-person-only meeting since the pandemic.

Spotlight Speaker:

Krista Peterson and Mackenzie Makarowsky from Advancing Tobacco Free Communities of Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties.

* The program covers Hamilton, Fulton, and Montgomery Counties to reduce the impact of tobacco marketing
  + Smoke-free multi-housing units - help landlords with smoke-free policies
  + Smoke-free movies - educate about tobacco ads
  + Tobacco Free Outdoors - assists with business owner policies
  + Tobacco in retail environments - educate communities on the impact of tobacco marketing
  + Reality Check - Youth-led group working on the above initiatives

* Recently awarded the next 5-year grant cycle
* In Gloversville
  + Cigarette butt pickup with GCC Youth Coalition
  + Provided signage at The Loft
  + Tabled at FC Youth Day
  + Assisted with tobacco licensing in the City
    - No license within 1000 feet of a “youth-oriented facility”
    - No new tobacco licenses allowed
      * If the business doesn’t pay the fee - no renewal is allowed

**Old business**

October minutes:

Approved by Krista. Seconded by Carolyn. No objections - minutes passed

Action Teams:

ODMAP - Ginger reports that numbers may be down but it is important to remember that naloxone is easily accessible and 911 is not always being called.

Community Engagement - Winterfest event at Gloversville Public Library on 2/19 from 3-5 with a snow date of 2/20. Please register. The flyer will be sent soon.

Member orientation - Many Coalition Members don’t understand their role in the coalition, how decisions get made, and what steps we can take to solve local problems that influence youth substance use. Bonnie will hold a Member Orientation for all who wish to have a deeper understanding of the structure and implementation of the Glove City Coalition. December 12 at the Gloversville Library from 2:30-

4 pm. RSVP to Bonnie by December 11th if you plan to attend.

Note-takers and spotlight speakers for 2025 are needed. Please sign up

FC Youth Day - The meeting for our 2025 event will be in person at the Fulton County Office for Aging and Youth on December 4th at 2:30 pm. Let Bonnie know if you need a Zoom link.

No Coalition updates by GPD, GESD

Youth Coalition

* Game Night at GMS 12/11 from 5-7. Board games and snacks
* Radio ads to be recorded - PSA on substance use prevention. Will be aired Jan- March 2025 on WBUG and KISSFM
* High School Youth Coalition is up and running
  + Has officers
  + 10-12 students
    - Marching in the Holiday Parade on 12/7
    - 2 going to CADCA

**New business**

Youth Bureau Board - All seats filled including one by a Youth Coalition member

Key Club Sponser-a-Child for Christmas - GCC adopting a student. Val will send an email with the list and her Venmo information

Christmas Eve Car Sleigh and

Park Terrace Express - See flyer. Contact Lashawn for more information and to help

Joint Coalition Get-Together - 12/10 at 9:00 at FMCC Allen House. It is a potluck. Please sign up.

Lights On for Life - This will be our second year collaborating with the other local coalitions on

the Lights On For Life Campaign. There will be billboards in the county (not specifically in

Gloversville, though). We write a letter to the editor of all the papers and the Leader Herald

has expressed interest in doing a story. We will table at school lunch at the HS in December to

collect pledges. We ask that supporters drive with their lights on (even during the day) and

have porch lights, lights in their windows, etc. from November 27 through January 1. The

High School Coalition is planning to march in the Holiday Parade on December 7th at

5 pm and carry the “Lights On For Life” banner and battery-powered candles.

Social Host Policy Revision - We worked on updating the Gloversville Social Host Law. We broke into 4 groups led by members of the workgroup using the Key Variables Document.

The next meeting is January 16, 2025, at Gloversville Board of Education Board Room

Note taker - Krista Perteson

Spotlight speaker - Emilie Felicia, Upstate NY Poison Control Center

No member reports