**Glove City Coalition Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**10:00 am, Gloversville Public Library and via Zoom**

*Promoting healthy futures through collaboration and education. GCC strives to reduce youth substance use by engaging and supporting the community through education and collaboration to promote and sustain healthy lifestyles.*

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** |
| **Welcome new members**  **Note Taker:** | Valerie  Mike Garavelli, Gloversville PD |
| **Spotlight Speaker** | Ginger Cato – Rob Constantine Recovery Center  September is Recovery Month – Recovery Center has been around since 2017 – first started as a one person show – now it has grown to (3) Recovery Centers (Gloversville, Johnstown, and Amsterdam) with (13) full-time staff members, covering Hamilton, Fulton and Montgomery Counties, with Outpatient Centers in each. Centers. 24-hour Peer Support Hotline Available – Peer Engagement Specialists & State -Certified CRPAS. Provides Support for Family Members and Friends – Education & Support – Family Fun Events – Addiction is a Family Event.  NYS DOH Opioid Overdose Prevention Program – Part of the Fulton County OD Response Team working with Law Enforcement and the DA’s Office, conducting follow-up with the families and victims.  Emergency Narcan Boxes – have placed these throughout the community and is currently working on a Narcan Vending Machine – working with NY Matters on this project.  Recovery Wall / Displays in Public Library.  Amsterdam Center is having an Open House on Wednesday, Sept. 25th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  New Promotional Video Screening. |
| **Old Business**  **Approval of June minutes**  **Co-Chair Search continues**  **Action Team Reports:**  Parent Engagement:    Capacity Building/Sustainability:    NECE Planning:    OD Mapping Update  Fulton County Youth Day | **Motion to Approve**: Jennifer Hammon – Fulton-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  **Seconded**: Krista Peterson – ATFC/Catholic Charities  Action Team/Work Group First Meeting Scheduling. We have 5 action teams to do work of the coalition. We ask that members who wish to be active in the coalition join at least 1 of these teams. As we look at the results from the Capacity Rating Survey, it is critical that we have active participation on all these groups, but ESPECIALLY the Capacity Building/Sustainability Work Group. They will need to look at the results from the capacity rating survey and prioritize efforts to improve the effectiveness of the coalition.  Parent Engagement: Carolyn Peck – Parent Café – September Meeting at DuBois was postponed – next meeting is scheduled for October 17th.  Capacity Building/Sustainability: Action Team/Work Group First Meeting Scheduling. We have 5 action teams to do work of the coalition. We ask that members who wish to be active in the coalition join at least 1 of these teams. As we look at the results from the Capacity Rating Survey, it is critical that we have active participation on all these groups, but ESPECIALLY the Capacity Building/Sustainability Work Group. They will need to look at the results from the capacity rating survey and prioritize efforts to improve the effectiveness of the coalition.  NECE: Fidelis Veggies-to-Go Bags to give away – Trail Station Park – Tuesday, Sept. 24th 4:00 to 6:00 pm.  Looking to have next even (Halloween themed) October 26th.  Looking for a venue for this event. Need access to electricity if possible. Last event for 2023.  Winter event in the works for February. Next meeting needs to be scheduled. Could Possible host at a school parking lot. Boulevard may be the best location or middle school.  As of this morning 9/21/23: (53) total OD’s (47) non-fatal (6) fatal; (6) OD’s in August and (3) in September.  **Fulton County Youth Day**: We have a $2500 grant from the Youth Bureau to plan a Fulton County Youth  Day for next summer. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27th at the Office for Aging in  Johnstown. Currently my committee list includes Alicia King, Andrea Fettinger, Ginger Cato, Jaxon  Fitzpatrick, Tina Morey, and Carolyn Peck. If you would like to help plan this event, please let me know. |
| **Coalition updates**   * GPD      * GESD | Chief Michael Garavelli  New Tobacco Retail Licensing Program  The Police Department does not have a specific report for Drug and Alcohol Incidents that we specifically maintain. By my numbers, we are at (37) opiate-related OD's YTD with (11) of those fatal, although our numbers are different from those on the County OD Map for some reason. This is due to our flawed Computer RMS System.  As for alcohol related incidents, we haven't broken up an underage party in a very long time, let alone cited anyone for any type of underage violations. Our DWI's are also trending down, mainly because one of our heaviest hitters for DWI transferred out last year. We are still working on getting officers trained in ARIDE and as a DRE, but staffing levels have prohibited us from sending officers away to this training. The state never holds them close enough to this area, which requires us to send officers overnight, requiring additional expense for lodging.  Drug arrests continue to be one of our daily arrests. Our detectives have been so busy with regular cases that their focus has been taken away from proactive drug investigations, since April. Prior to that, they executed (12) search warrants in the 1st three (3) months of this year, all related to narcotics.  Our staffing levels have once again pushed us to a more reactive than proactive approach, which is extremely frustrating for us.  New drug found in the area - Medetomedine. We are fighting an uphill battle and need help and can't get any.  Mike Hallenbeck –  School Resource Officers – Mentoring Program (O. Mustafa) |
| **New Business**   * Alcohol Policy Academy * Capacity Rating Survey * Future Meeting Plans * Youth Coalition | **Alcohol Policy Academy**: We have had meetings/interviews with several people and some data has been collected by Jaxon from youth that we haven’t been able to analyze yet. Our next step is a meeting with the alcohol policy committee. That meeting is next Monday, September 23rd at 2:30pm via zoom. We will be developing a policy brief and discussing the steps going forward and how we can all be involved in advocating for changes to the social host law to make it more effective yet equitable. If you are interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, I have been involved in a new statewide effort to bring about policy change at the state level where pre-emption hinders local efforts. As we move along in that effort, I will report what we are doing. One area that the group seems to agree on is updating the taxation of alcohol, which is much lower than any other state.  Received the Grant for the next (5) Years – what is planned for years 6 through 10 of the program?  **Capacity Rating Survey**: We had 11 people complete the survey. It was eye-opening. There is a lot of work to be done to build the capacity and effectiveness of our coalition. Here are a few of my take-aways. Most people felt the coalition is known in the community for addressing substance use problems. Nearly half felt there is not enough trust among members to work together. Most don’t understand their role or the role of others in the coalition. Many don’t think responsibilities of themselves or others are clearly delineated in written form. More than half feel key community leaders are not included. Nearly half feel we do not assess diversity to insure all cultural groups are represented. More than half admitted to not attending meetings but most have participated in GCC sponsored events. The coalition needs to consider different approaches to solving the community substance abuse problems better. More people need to be involved in the decision-making process. More than half feel we need to meet more often to conduct business. Most felt coalition members don’t discuss issues openly and don’t feel comfortable sharing ideas with others. Nearly 75% don’t feel leadership is easily accessible outside of meetings. Most expressed that they have the opportunity to provide input and that members of the group do not share a vision for the work. Finally, the mission, goals, and objectives are not clear to all. There is a lot to consider here. As we are now finishing the fifth year of this coalition, we need work to address all of these shortcomings. Some will be easier than others.  **Future Meeting Plans**: Looking to move away from virtual attendance and back towards in-person attendance at all future meetings. Looking for any other locations / different meeting times in order to boost attendance, looking to get more involvement from students, possibly holding meeting at GESD.  **Youth Engagement**:  Trunk or Treat (October 29th)  Red Ribbon Days at GESD |
| **Next Meeting/WHEN: October 19, 10:00am**  **Location: TBA**  **Note Taker:**  **Spotlight Speaker: Bruce Hathaway** | Ginger |

**Member Reports:**

**In-Person Attendance:**

Bonnie Peck – Glove City Coalition

Carolyn Peck – HFM Prevention Council & Glove City Coalition

Jennifer Hammon – Fulton-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

Mike Garavelli – Gloversville Police Dept.

Ginger Cato – Rob Constantine Recovery Center

Krista Peterson – ATFC/Catholic Charities

Mackenzie Makarowsky – ATFC/ Catholic Charities

**Virtual Attendance:**

Alicia King from HFM Prevention Council; Joyce Royal From North Main St. UMC;

Tina Morey from Survivor Support Services; Jenise Tirado from Fidelis Care;

Jennifer Stiletto Smith from Albany VA; Jaxon Fitzpatrick - GCYC

Osama Mustafa – GESD Stan Hudy – Daily Gazette