

AYSB/ LPC/ COC

December 5, 2011

Regular Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Present:

Tom Steen, CASAC Executive Director

Alan Rosenberg, Director of Human Services

Mihaela Fodor, Youth Services Coordinator

Beckie Sahl, Avon LPC Chair/ COC

Lori Stanczyc, Avon COC Chair

Marybeth LeFevre, AHS Teacher/ AHS LEO Club/ LPC

Vernetta Jefferson, COC

Magda Stayton, COC

Karen Edgar, Teacher/ COC

Harrison Stanczyc, Avon Youth Services Advisory Board- AHS,

Freshman

David MacKinnon, Avon Youth Services Advisory Board- AHS,

Freshman

Tyler Scalise, Avon Youth Services Advisory Board- AHS, Sophomore

Avon Youth Action Council (YAC) students- AHS & AMS

I. Welcome and Introductions/ YAC, Meet & Greet the student body.

Lori Stanczyc explained the history/ mission of the Avon COC/ YAC and how important it is for the entire community to have a student voice when planning and

implementing youth programs, and she introduced the YAC students. Also, she reviewed past Fall's Red Ribbon Week programs, especially DIRT at the high school and middle school.

She and Magda Stayton emphasized how important it is for our programs that staff and guidance be part of the presentations and follow-up with students. Also, the high school students said there was little discussion about DIRT among peers the next day, and both high school and middle school students said there was no classroom discussion about DIRT.

Marybeth LeFevre was concerned that not all the HS teachers were in attendance with their students during the two shows. One high school student expressed his disappointment that the social workers and the school counselors were not in the room to help students after the show.

Also, he said that nobody explained the meaning of the Red Ribbon Bracelets and linked them to DIRT. All students present at the meeting said that pencils with our e-mail address and logo would be a better alternative to bracelets for next year.

Magda Stayton asked the students to think about best ways to distribute information about DIRT, or other events, electronically, for better promotion. The middle school student suggested the HOME PAGE.

YAC students brainstormed ideas for Youth in Avon, particularly for 9th and 10th grades.

CASAC's Tom Steen spoke about possible mini-grants, which students themselves, as members of YAC, could apply for, in order to implement new youth programs which raise awareness about underage drinking and support a drug free Avon

community. He also discussed the possibility of hosting a panel discussion for police and professionals about the new marijuana law, K2 and inhalants, and other drugs on the rise in Connecticut.

II. AYSB Programs.

Mihaela Fodor shared information and pictures from the Red Ribbon Week Celebration at Roaring Brook School and Pine Grove School, and about DIRT at Avon Middle School. She also shared information about the new Peer Mentoring/ Tutoring Program, starting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, and about the Drunk Driving Awareness Day at the high school- December 19, 2011.

III. Haze documentary for AHS students and parents.

Beckie Sahl spoke about Haze screening for AHS. She said that the short version would be more appropriate for the AHS students and that the long version of the documentary takes too much class time and is too graphic. She said that the administration should see the movie before screening it for students.

Marybeth LeFevre suggested presenting the short version to the AHS seniors during their Humanities class.

Beckie Sahl shared ideas regarding Pre-Prom Week. She will once again do the Slogan Contest in the Spring.

IV. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mihaela Fodor, Youth Services Coordinator

