



TPAUD Coalition Meeting

December 20th 8:00am

Trumbull EMS

Attendees: Gillian Anderson, Colin Bassett, Nina Chanana, Sam Cousins, Paul Downing, Scott Duva, Deirdre Ekholdt, Tim Fedor, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Cathy Hilser, Sue Jacozzi, Scot Kerr (via Zoom), Todd Manuel, Melissa McGarry, Jacy McGaw-Cesaire, Julia McNamee, Cornelia Morris, Jordyn Nappi, Kiersten Naumann, Joanne Orenstein, Melissa Perez-Constantine, Rob Pysz, Jeff Rago, Melissa Roberto, Dave Rutigliano, Jessica Samuolis, Vicki Tesoro, Stephanie Vaughn, Lara Walden

1. Introductions & Partner Updates

- Melissa McGarry expressed thanks to the Trumbull Police Union for providing breakfast for our coalition.
- Paul Downing introduced himself and his mission to raise awareness about the dangers of gambling addiction and the link between gaming and gambling.
- New EMS Chief Colin Bassett was introduced to the coalition.
- Melissa Perez-Constantine was welcomed as TPAUD's new liaison at The Hub, Region 1's Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization.

2. Prevention Activities Report

- QPR & Narcan Trainings:
 - i. TPAUD trained all counseling staff at St. Joe's and over 30 THS staff in QPR as an Optional PD training; post-evaluations were excellent
 - ii. TPAUD trained all staff at St. Vincent's Special Needs Services (approx. 70 ppl) in December. We are still trying to schedule a training for all Trumbull School's security staff.
- Compliance Checks & Enforcement Activities;
 - i. Officer Pysz reported that TPD has completed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at all licensed liquor stores and tobacco retailers. During the checks, trained underage youth attempt to purchase these products; they present their real underage IDs of requested and they are asked to look their age.
 - ii. 5 of 7 alcohol retailers in Trumbull failed compliance checks (Stop & Shop and Bottom Line were the only two found to be in compliance).
 - iii. All tobacco retailers were found to be in compliance. However, the check resulted in the arrest of the owner of "Tobacco N Cigar" at 2 Daniels Farm Road, for displaying various forms of cannabis and other illegal products. Numerous items were seized, and the owner was charged with possession with intent to sell these illegal products.
- Let's Talk Mental Health, Trumbull: Speaker series will resume in Q1. TPAUD has met with potential speakers including Mary Dobson from LIFT Wellness (eating/body image disorders) and Silver Hill (correlation between SUD and Neurodivergence). Anyone interested in joining the LTMH, T sub-committee should contact Kiersten or Melissa.
- Ongoing MS and HS-based prevention activities and curriculum infusion includes:

- i. 6th Grade: providing drug & alcohol impairment simulation goggles and “Talking About” drug and alcohol prevention homework activities for health classes
 - ii. 7th Grade: presenting to all 7th grade health classes on brain development, health effects of teen substance use, risk and protective factors, knowing your “why”, drug and alcohol manufacturer marketing tactics and being a smart consumer of information.
 - iii. 9th Grade Forum
 - iv. 10th Grade: providing Johnny’s Ambassadors marijuana fact sheets to health classes
 - v. 12th Grade: renewal of “If They Had Known” license (the dangers of party culture and mixing alcohol and prescription meds) and “Dead on Arrival” fentanyl video to be shown in Senior Seminar
 - vi. Purchase of annual license of Screenagers Under the Influence (in partnership with PTAC) to be shown at THS to families, and classroom cut to be used in 10th grade classes
3. HS Outreach & Education – with Principal Todd Manuel: Since assuming the role of principal, Todd has embraced change as opportunity. His focus is on student support and connectivity and positive school climate. Efforts include:
- Each monthly Advisory session now relates to the vision of the graduate.
 - 9th Grade Forum messaging has changed to reflect positive social norming. This year’s Forum had more staff and administration participation than past years.
 - First “Eagle Games” brought over 260 seniors and 45 THS admin/staff to promote school connectivity and positive school climate.
 - This year’s play, Mean Girls, will provide community partnership and learning opportunities to reflect on the play’s themes.
 - Grade-specific study halls promote teacher/student connection.
4. Student Survey Update:
- We collected about 2600 completed surveys (approx.. 80%); classification questions are now in line with federal expectations; results will be available in Feb./Mar.
 - Community survey will be sent out after the holidays.
5. Coalition Business
- 2023 CT Association of Prevention Professionals Sector All-Star Awards: Congratulations to Vicki Tesoro and Lori Hayes-O’Brien for receiving the 2023 Parent Sector All-Star Award from the CT Association of Prevention Professionals.

Upcoming Dates:

1/8 – Drop-In Narcan Training at the Library 6-7:30

1/10 – Tashua Elementary Family Wellness Game Night

2023-24 Meeting Dates – January 17th, February 28th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June TBD