



TPAUD Coalition Meeting

September 22nd 8:00am

Trumbull EMS

Attendees: Wes Bartosik, Nina Chanana, Sam Cousins, Donna DeLuca, Scott Duva, Leigh Goodman, Tim Hare, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Bev Hill, Sue Jacozzi, Scot Kerr, Cat Lamy, Melissa McGarry, Dennis McLaughlin, Cornelia Morris, Giovanna Mozzo, Kiersten Naumann, Marie Petitti, Jeff Rago, Dave Rutigliano, Jessica Samuolis, Vicki Tesoro, Lara Walden

1. Introductions & Partner Updates: Giovanna Mozzo reported that the Prevention Subcommittee of the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) has formed a Cannabis Subcommittee. The Cannabis Subcommittee will formulate a Cannabis Campaign for consumers, although the scope and messaging of the campaign are unclear at this time.
2. CT's New Marijuana Law: what Coalitions Need to Know – see attached for full presentation.
3. Current Prevention Efforts
 - a. Vaping Education – The last deliverable of the Let's #MentionPrevention Vaping Campaign, a video highlighting coalition members from across the state (including TPAUD coalition member Tim Hare), is now live on the TPAUD website and TPAUD's Facebook page. TCTV will begin airing tomorrow (Sept. 23). Please feel free to share; the link to the video is <https://f.io/y9BNomit>.
 - b. "You Think You Know" Counterfeit Medication Campaign – YTYK is a statewide collaboration to provide information and resources around the prevalence and dangers of counterfeit drugs. The original impetus for this campaign was a letter sent to TPAUD by a local family who lost their son to an accidental overdose after taking a counterfeit pill to help him sleep. The website is live and can be found at <https://YouThinkYouKnowCT.org>. A postcard will be sent to all Trumbull households with children between the ages of 16 and 24 within the next month.
 - c. "Hooked" Video Fundraiser – Progressive Institute is presenting the documentary "Hooked," a documentary about a CT family who lost their son to addiction. Proceeds from the film will be used to raise awareness of addiction and to raise funds for prevention, including TPAUD. To register to watch (with a minimum \$5.00 donation) visit <https://hookedthefilm.org/make-a-donation/>.
 - d. "Positive Choices, Healthy Kids" Videos: Dr. Iwanicki sent the video links to all sixth grade families on September 17th. The videos will also be available on-demand on TCTV.
 - e. Library Resource Center: TPAUD continues to work with the library on the Family Resource Center, which will be housed in the Children's Department at the main library and will offer resources on mental health and substance use.
 - f. Youth Advisors: Representatives from the First Selectman's Youth Advisors are working with TPAUD and high school administrators on ways to get mental health resources to students in school.

4. THS 9th Grade Forum Evaluation & Updates: The Forum will be held in-person at THS on Nov. 10. This year's forum will have a stronger focus on mental health and available school, town, state and national resources.
5. Coalition Business
 - a. Student Surveys – must be approved by Curriculum Committee (tentative date Sept. 23); surveys will be administered at THS in November, followed by the middle schools.
 - b. Meeting Dates – approved for 21-22 school year (see below).
 - c. In-person vs Zoom – Meetings will be in-person until further notice. Meetings will be conducted over Zoom in the event of inclement weather. At this time, TPAUD and Trumbull EMS do not have the ability to offer hybrid meetings.
 - d. Member Survey Results – Nina Chanana will present the findings at TPAUD's October meeting.

2021-22 Coalition Meeting Dates: Oct. 13, Nov. 10. Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, June 8

Upcoming Events:

- September 20, 23, 27, 28 – TPAUD presentations to 7th grade health classes
- September 27 – Narcan training at EMS
- October 23 – National Drug Take Back Day
- November 10 – THS 9th Grade Forum