

*Communities United Regional Network
A Greater Sullivan County Coalition*

**RESOURCE AND COLLABORATION COUNCIL (RACC)
Minutes: May 20 2014**

MISSION: The Resource and Collaboration Council

To engage members of our communities in a coordinated effort to promote behaviors that measurably improve the health and well-being of our youth and adults with a focus on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention.

RACC Members:

- *Are knowledgeable about a) substance abuse, prevention, intervention and treatment and, b) the substance abuse resources in Sullivan County.*
- *Advocate for substance abuse prevention.*
- *Represent and support the Regional Network and the concepts of community engagement/collaboration.*
- *Involve and represent their sector of the community (e.g. schools, parents, business, churches, government, service providers, etc.)*
- *Participate in the decision-making about how Regional Network resources are spent or distributed.*

Attendees: Susan Parry (RVCC), Cindy Gallagher (SAU 43), Kathy Moaratty (SAU 43), Lisa DeValk (SAU 6), Suellen Griffin (WCBH), Sandy Gassett (Good Beginnings), Bridgett Taylor, Liz Hennig (CURN)

Partner Updates

- Participants from Towle and Newport Middle High School attended state 4-H leadership training. One 5th-6th grade group focused on suicide prevention. Newport schools may also be taking advantage of a 4-H “Fun, food and fitness” initiative
- 4-H is also hosting a science fair for parents and families at the college.

CURN Updates

- Our current funding through New Hampshire Charitable Foundation will be re-applied for on Friday. We will need to address the current workplan and our accomplishments so far. When this document is done we'll share with RACC. There will be a work retreat on Friday at the Lake Sunapee Preservation Trust to work on this.
- Next year as a group we will be doing a re-assessment of our community and update of the work plan.



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- Outreach: We are developing student outreach and leadership in Newport and Claremont.
- Newport has conducted its YRBS assessment meeting with community partners. Fall Mountain and Claremont are both planning on this meeting but dates, partners have not been set: Liz will follow up.
- Lori Landry/Fall Mountain have interest in establishing more connections between incarcerated parents and kids and have been addressing this with the Goffstown Women's Prison. Cindy Gallagher also addressed this a while back with Newport students, including the barriers that can make these connections difficult. She will resurrect the PowerPoint and share it with us.
 - We should also be thinking about this in terms of pre-K/early childhood systems
 - Orientation and additional training for prison staff might be helpful/needed ("Who's home with your 16-year-old"): Has to be more than a handoff to DCYF
 - Should be a specific ask and consistent between school systems
 - Kevin Warrick had best practices: CURN will follow up with him

Suicide Prevention

- Fall Mountain, Newport and Claremont districts will be training an additional 24 "Train the trainers" for gatekeeper training by October 2014
- West Central Behavioral Health is holding two more Mental Health First Aid trainings. The first is for adults and will be held May 27 at the community room at Claremont Savings Bank in downtown Claremont from 8 am – 5 pm. The second will be an adolescent training at the end of June. They have done three 90-minute presentations outlining the programs recently to recruit participants/community support and have applied for two additional grants to expand the training. The training has to be an 8-hour training but can be done in two four-hour blocks.

Updates from Last RACC

- We have an intern working on the 1 ½ hour webinar for guidance counselors
- The resource booklet has been updated but Bridgett needs more information from the RACC to update/optimize. We will send the latest draft for feedback.
- Bridgett continues to research a shared calendar resource.

ACTION ITEMS

- Please review the booklet and calendar and send changes and suggestions to Bridgett by June 9

THE NEXT RACC MEETING WILL BE ~~TUESDAY, JULY 15 AT 2:30 PM~~ (Changed to Sept 15 at 2:30 pm)



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