

**LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL PROGRAM
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AYSB/ LPC/ COC

March 28, 2017 (Avon Public Library, 6:30 to 8:00 PM)

Regular Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Present:

Suzi Alexe, Youth Services Coordinator
Ann Perrault, Avon School Staff
Sarah Lazinsk, Student AHS
Kathleen Randall LPC/COC Member/Parent
Lisa Seminara, LPC/COC Member/Parent

I. Welcome and Introductions - Communication from the audience (Limited to five minutes)

II. Updates on Current Programs

- a. **Peer Tutoring Mentoring/Homework Center (Student Leaders, Laurie Salva, Suzi Alexe) Program continues to flourish, increased student engagement. Mrs. Salva has Students keeping a log to identify areas that they have worked on. Students are working 1:1 with tutors which cuts down on cross talk and improves atmosphere for all.**
- b. **Input from Student Leaders – Sarah Lazinsk, - Students discussed Youth Conference last year in Windsor and likes and dislikes from conference. Student input from last year's survey has helped establish new schedule and include more opportunities to interact with experiential activities and games. Workshops will include: Safe Cell Phone Use: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly and Human Trafficking in Disguise.**
- c. **Youth Leadership Conference- Sarah Lazinsk and Suzi Alexe. Input from Sarah and other Avon Youth that attended overall they liked the conference although feedback was that should not be billed as a Leadership Conference as tone of the Conference was not treating Students as Leaders but rather as message of Teen Problems i.e. Carino crime focus, IE Theatre STD. This years' conference students will have the opportunity to ride with Students from Rocky Hill and Wethersfield to enable Youth more time to talk together.**

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III. Avon Police Department Update and JRB (Chief Mark Rinaldo) no police present. Three open JRB cases.

IV. Community of Concern/ Local Prevention Council/Upcoming Programs

- **Survivors of Suicide Monthly Support Group meeting monthly in Avon please contact Alan Rosenberg or Suzi Alexe for more information.**
- **World No Tobacco Day- Ann Perrault, Suzi Alexe, APD planning programs for 2 elementary schools well received last year by students and staff information requested regarding rise in popularity of E cigarettes. Students from AMS may also participate in Program to discuss pressures of students encouraging smoking bx.**
- **Opioids: Three Perspectives with Tom Steen Executive Director of CASAC, Officer Lundell of APD-Monday May 8, 2017 from 6:30 pm at the Avon Public Library. Avon, Ct.**
- **Current Alcohol and Drug Trends Affecting Our Youth and Community- Wende Cooper of CASAC, Officer Lundell, APD, Suzi Alexe AYS, March 7, 2017 from 6:30pm at Avon Middle School in the Media Center, Avon, Ct. Presentation was requested by AMS PTO and coordinated through the efforts of Bridgit Lacombe AMS parent and PTO Member. Forum was well attended both the Vice Principal Mr. Pappa and Principal Mr. Kimball were present. In Addition Mrs. Heather Maguire Avon Town Council Member and AMS parent. Officer Lundell focused on Opiates and how parents are at great risk of addiction to due to overprescribing. Wende Cooper educated the audience about the risks of THC, synthetic drugs, Vaping, Alcohol and other drugs. Wende and Suzi fielded questions and feedback was positive and more forums are requested for next year.**
- **Other Business**

V. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday May 23, 2017 at Avon Public Library, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM