



## HEALTHY CATTARAUGUS COUNTY: A DRUG FREE COALITION

### COALITION MEETING

9/13/2018 12:30 P.M.

The Inn at Holiday Valley

**ATTENDEES:** **Tara Estright:** Community Coalition Coordinator; **Ashley Hawley:** Youth Serving Organization; **Robyn Stanley:** School; **Annamaria Masucci; Seneca Ray:** Guest Speaker; **Peter Wilson:** State, Local or Tribal Agency w/ Expertise in Substance Abuse Field; **Rachel Linderman:** Other Organization w/Expertise in Substance Abuse; **Megan Parisi:** Youth Serving Organization; **Michelle Waterman:** Youth Serving Organization; **Melanie Churakos:** Law Enforcement Agency; **Alison Crosson:** Youth Serving Organization; **Tara Leonard:** Healthcare Professional; **Ken Dahlgren:** Youth Serving Organization; **Jon Chaffee:** Youth Serving Organization; **Jeff Ciminesi:** Other Organization w/ Expertise in Substance Abuse; **Andrea Hollamby:** Other Organization w/ Expertise in Substance Abuse; **Erica Sebastian:** Other Organization w/ Expertise in Substance Abuse; **Justin Chernogorec:** Other Organization w/ Expertise in Substance Abuse; **Eric Perry:** Other Organization w/ Expertise in Substance Abuse; **Liz Threehouse:** Media; **Gordon Diffenderfer:** Law Enforcement Agency; **Sgt. Jason Hlasnick:** Law Enforcement Agency; **Jennifer Schwenkbeck:** Healthcare Professional; **Dawn Sagerman:** WNY PRC

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- T. Estright welcomed the group at 12:30 pm.

### REVIEW OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Approval of the August minutes was moved by Liz Threehouse and seconded by Peter Wilson.

### MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

- Andrea Hollamby announced that WNY CAP has 12 mini grants available from \$1,200 to \$1,500. High-risk outreach, awareness projects, and promotion of treatment and recovery grants are also available.
- Jeff Ciminesi announced that there are grants available through Southern Tier Healthcare System for the medication disposal pouches that deactivate prescription medications.
- Tara Leonard announced that the Youth Development Committee will be starting their new year tomorrow and that they will be meeting at the Allegany Rec Center.
- HCC has requested permission to use the “Take it to the Box” logo (for medication drop boxes) from a coalition in another state. Allegany and Chautauqua counties have already received permission to use the logo. The intent is that the counties support one another and collaborate to provide consistent messaging.
- Additionally, Partners for Prevention in Allegany County has also requested that HCC collaborate with them on a smoke-free outdoor policy in order to make all parks smoke-free and deter people from using marijuana in public should recreational use be approved in New York state. A meeting has also been scheduled with Senator Cathy Young on marijuana legalization concerns. Bill Pennman from ACASA will be attending as well as Melanie Witkowski from HOPE Chautauqua and Mike Prutsman from CAReS.
- Youth Summit flyers were provided to all attendees and they were asked to distribute throughout their agencies. This year the Cattaraugus County Youth Prevention Committee would like to encourage a stronger adult attendance than last year.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SIGN-UP**

- A sign-up sheet for member written newsletter articles was distributed for the month of October. Awareness articles to be included will be National Bullying Prevention Month, World Mental Health Day, National Depression Screening Day, and Red Ribbon Week. It was discussed that the member-written articles have been excellent and that we have started to see an increase in our newsletter views.

**SENECA STRONG GUEST SPEAKER**

- In honor of National Recovery Month, Peter Wilson, Outreach Social Worker from Seneca Strong discussed their peer recovery program and brought in a guest speaker to talk about his recovery story.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Tara Leonard noted that she is hearing a recurring question from community members who are unaware of where they can dispose of their Sharps. It was suggested to provide community information on drop-off locations and other disposal methods.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.