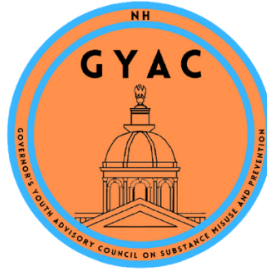


NH Governor's Youth Advisory Council On Substance Misuse and Prevention



GYAC Meeting Minutes

16 September 2023

11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m

Attendance: Rihanna Basur, Michael Blair, Logan Dufresne, Tara Kurup, Gavin McCrevan, Mia Mozzoni, Lily O'Brien, Lauren Paige, Vedant Patel, Luisa Pelletier, Brenda Sacramento-Cortes, Narayan Sajeev, James Thibault, Vedhsai Thriveedi, Kaylee Truong, Brandon Yeung

Call to Order: Lily O'Brien called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Recap of the Past GYAC Session
 - a. Mental Health Legislation
 - b. NH Voices Campaign
 - c. Booths Events
 - d. No Safe Experience
3. Review of the Executive Order
 - a. Lily read over the bylaws for current and new members.
 - b. Dave reviewed policy for membership, attendance, and the general purpose of GYAC.
4. Right to Know Law
 - a. A review for past members and introduction for new members was led by Dave.
 - b. GYAC must record minutes, post meetings, and meet quorum.

- c. GYAC Advisors (Tim and Maura) must be Certified Prevention Specialists (CPS).

5. Elections Discussion

- a. Elections will be held next meeting, Saturday, October 21, 2023.
- b. Open positions include: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and three Executive Officers.
- c. People looking to run must write a 250-300 word statement that will be emailed to current members prior to meeting (please send to Eliza or Dave). They must also prepare a 2-3 minute speech that will be delivered prior to the election of officers.
 - i. Include information relevant to their background, interests, and goal.
- d. The new officers will be announced at the next email and notified by email.

6. Discussion on Community Issues

- a. Vaping
- b. Mental health
- c. Members believe we need a proactive response, not reactive.
- d. The 2023 NH Overdose Deaths Info Sheet was distributed and reviewed by Dave.

7. Additional Updates

- a. Rolling applications and additional recruitment to maintain geographical diversity in council.
- b. Send relevant contact information to Lily to be added to the updated spreadsheet.
- c. Sub committees will be decided upon at the next meeting, members should think about their interests or preferences.
- d. Members can park at the library parking lot instead of paying for parking.
- e. The Legislative Youth Advisory Council will be looking for a member of GYAC to represent GYAC at their meetings (non-voting).
- f. Members can suggest edits to the bylaws, but they would have to be voted on by the council and approved by the governor.

Adjournment: Narayan Sajeev made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Thibault seconded the motion. A voice vote passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: 21 October 2023 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: New Hampshire State House
107 N Main St., Concord, NH 03303