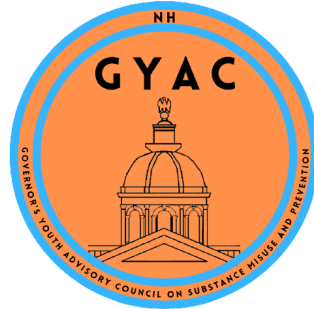


NH Governor's Youth Advisory Council

On Substance Misuse and Prevention



GYAC Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2024

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

Attendance: Mia Mozzoni, Vedhsai Thriveedi, Summer Campbell, Lauren Paige, Vedant Patel, Luisa Pelletier, Hailey Dubois, Tara Kurup, Kaylee Truong, Michael Blair, Logan Dufresne, James Thibault, Rihanna Basur & Brandon Yeung

Call to Order: Kaylee Truong called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Approve December Meeting Minutes

A. James Thibault made a motion to approve the December 16th meeting minutes. Mia Mozzoni seconded the motion. A voice vote passed unanimously.

III. LYAC Liaison Election

A. Logan Dufresne made a motion to postpone the election due to a needed discussion on GYAC bylaws. Luisa Pelletier second the motion.

IV. Committee Discussion

A. Social Media & Outreach

1. Hailey Dubois has collected information from committee members. The “Meet the Members” post is ready to be posted. Alongside the “Meet the Members” post a post is prepared to highlight members’ achievements: James Thibault & Michael Blair: US Senate Youth Program.
2. Hailey Dubois planned a meeting for the Social Media committee to plan additional posts beyond the two previously discussed.

B. Booths Committee

1. Summer Campbell attended the Battle of the Bands, which was a success.
2. Hailey presented the GYAC Flyer poster.

C. Mental Health Legislation

1. Dave reviewed HB 505-SN (tabled bill)
2. Issues with what defines an adequate education. Recent legislation has federally updated standards from 20 years ago that address the mental health curriculum in schools.
3. Dave will reach out to get information from the State Department of Education.

D. Art Committee

1. The Art Social Media.
2. Reach out to high schools’ art classes or programs to raise awareness.
3. Rewards can include a certificate from the governor, a spotlight on the Instagram page & possibly an invitation to an event as an incentive to motivate participation.
4. Focus on both Mental Health & Substance Misuse Prevention as a theme.
5. Mural installment (reach out to the organization from last year).

V. Updates from Dave Mara

- A. Looked into a presenter from New Futures to provide training on effective advocacy. In addition to finding a spokesperson from the DEA for the next meeting on how drugs come in & what they are seeing - areas of concern.
- B. Following group discussion, GYAC has proposed returning to presenters every month.
- C. Maura McGowan & Timothy Lena coordinating a prevention science presentation - from certified prevention specialists.

- D. Recap of “No Safe Experience” Campaigns. Due to its success, the Governor has funded an additional 450 thousand dollars into the campaign. Speakers arranged to come in & introduce the new program. GYAC can provide input as ambassadors.

VI. LYAC Liaison Election

- A. Review of the role of a LYAC liaison in terms of how it fits in with the bylaws of GYAC.
- B. The LYAC liaison will communicate between the two councils’ collaboration on legislative input & provide substance misuse knowledge, ultimately in hopes of advancement of both Councils.
- C. Summer Campbell was elected as LYAC Liaison.

VII. Future Plans Discussion

- A. Summer Barbecue
 - 1. Alumni, current members & prospective members are invited.
 - 2. A Q&A panel open to the public with former/current GYAC members on Youth Activism & Advocacy.
 - 3. Form a new Committee for Summer Barbecue preparation.
- B. Annual report
 - 1. Begin delegation of work for the Annual report & determine what will be included.
 - 2. Dave will reach out to the Governor to determine a date to deliver the report.

Adjournment: James Thibault made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded the motion. A verbal vote passed unanimously, concluding the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: 17 February 2024 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: New Hampshire State House

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