

## **Governors Youth Advisory Council on Substance Misuse and Prevention**

Monthly Meeting Minutes

18 July 2020

Online Meeting via Zoom

Present: Kaycee Reagan, Eve Hodgdon, Aron Silvestre, Elsa Rogers, Timothy Lena, Eliza Zarka, Mary Forsythe-Taber

### ***Call to Order:***

Kaycee Reagan called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM

#### **I. Approval of meeting minutes**

A. Approval of meeting minutes put off until next meeting.

#### **II. Communications**

A. Elsa Rogers has been doing webinars and working with CADY to teach them presentational skills

B. Timothy Lena has been working with Life Of An Athlete to put together a video for parent awareness night

C. Mary Forsythe-Taber gave an update about her coalition, which is working with Breathe NH to make a map of all the vaping product shops in the Manchester Area

#### **III. Discussion on the role of Executive Council**

A. The members decided the Council should take on more responsibility by leading smaller projects

#### **IV. Discussion on GYAC's recent proposal to the Governor on the allocation of CARES funds**

A. The Governor was happy with the work of the Council and we should know the results of our work soon

B. Timothy Lena invited the Council to report about how we put together our proposal to the Governor's Commission Prevention Task Force at their Zoom meeting on August 7 at 9:30 AM

#### **V. Discussion on the plan for the rest of the year**

A. The Council discussed the need to hold members accountable for coming to meetings as there has been a low attendance. It was decided that the members who have not been attending should be contacted for an explanation

- B. Eliza Zarka told the members that their program waivers were effective through August and to expect renewal forms soon
  - C. The members discussed recruitment. The application will soon be formalized and will be put on GYAC's website. The members discussed making a draft of an email to send to coalitions and youth-serving organizations to ask for member suggestions. It was decided that the members wanted to focus on recruitment for the remaining meetings in their year
- VI. Youth-specific Resource Guide Project
- A. The members discussed their on-going resource guide project and decided to leave it until next year for the coming group to decide if they want to continue it
- VII. Newsletter Project
- A. The members discussed creating a newsletter to send to coalitions and youth-serving organizations to discuss the work they did this year as a means of recruitment through the organizations
- VIII. Recognition of graduating members
- A. The group recognized and thanked the graduating members: Eve Hodgdon, Jeffrey Lam, Madison Hemingway, and Kimiya Parker-Hill
- IX. Recap and 'homework' for the next meeting
- A. It was decided that Aron Silvestre and Kaycee Reagan would take on the project of contacting members to hold them accountable for attending meetings and that Elsa Rogers and Grace Lunney would take on the project of recruiting members, and that the later to would come back to the next meeting with a drafted newsletter and email

***Adjournment:***

**Elsa Rogers made a motion to adjourn; Aron Silvestre seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.**

**Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 11-1 PM via Zoom video call