

**Yates Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 Meeting — 2:00 pm**  
**Yates Council on Alcoholism & Addictions of the Finger Lakes**

**Members Present:** Idelle Dillon, Alicia Avellaneda, and Kathy Swarhout

**YSAC Mission:** To engage, advocate, inform, and bring awareness of alcohol and other substance abuse issues through education, prevention, enforcement, and treatment to build a healthy, safe, and substance abuse-free community.

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Question Boxes	We have talked with the County libraries & have reached out to the schools to request permission to leave a Question Box in the libraries. Our purpose is to encourage youth to speak out and ask questions and to reduce misinformation. Every two weeks a committee member will check the box and we will respond to their questions. We are planning to begin with one box at the Penn Yan Public Library.	Kathy has researched boxes and we are considering a SAFCO Customizable Suggestion Box, SAF 4233GR. Kathy will work with Longs Cards & Books on a price.
2. Focus Groups for students	We are looking to hold Focus Groups for students in the future based on our response to the Question Boxes.	
3. Parent Café “How to Start the Conversation”	We are interested in beginning Information Cafes in Yates County similar to those in Ontario with the hope of holding a Parent Café by mid-April.	Attend Marcus Whitman Forum and also talk with Ontario County about their Cafes to learn how to put one together successfully and generate interest.
4. “Hidden In Plain Sight” Presentation	Following our Parent Café (possibly in mid-April), we would like to hold a “Hidden In Plain Sight” Presentation in mid-May.	