

## YSAC Community Education meeting minutes – July 6, 2015 – 3:00 Pm

Present: Annmarie Flanagan, Lauren Snyder, George Roets, Edie Miller, and Kathy Swarhout

Discussion included:

- Doing some kind of outreach to the community by possibly purchasing some books/games for families to use with their children about prevention. Thought maybe we could buy 4 of these resources and give to the Penn Yan, Dundee, Branchport, and Rushville libraries so families could borrow them.
- Annmarie spoke about doing some kind of presentation to the health care provider offices in the county. Maybe some evening from about 5-6 pm. She was thinking in the County Building, but Kathy suggested the community room in the PY Library too. That is free of charge and large enough for this purpose. We would invite staff from PreEmption, Community Health, Dr. Strouse, Dr. DeWitt, Dundee Health Center, Rushville Health Center, Dr. Hinterberger, and Valley View. We would discuss what is happening with substance abuse in the County and what the Coalition is doing.
- Annmarie also shared that she, Mike Ballard, and Idelle Dillon presented to the Council of Churches on this topic and asked them to share info with their congregations about substance abuse and where to look for help.
- Annmarie also said that she is piloting a program at PreEmption Family Medicine that is using a substance abuse assessment for MD offices to use with patients. It is called ASSIT and is on the SAMHSA website. Where better for patients to hear about prevention and help for substance abuse matters than their own provider.
- Annmarie has started a power point presentation for Soldiers & Sailors ER staff meeting that will take place on July 28<sup>th</sup>. She has already put together packets of info and delivered to the ER. We can take more on July 28<sup>th</sup> for the presentation.
- The topic of the “drug take-back” program was discussed and an idea of asking pharmacies and health care providers if they might be interested in having a box in their businesses for taking back drugs. Annmarie will write a letter for the pharmacies that have corporate connections and Lauren will ask Tracy Knapp from the Village Pharmacy and Sheriff Spike if this is a possibility.
- We also discussed the possibility of doing presentations at service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Moose, Elks, etc.
- We talked about when the last time a substance abuse survey was done in the area schools. George said that the Council on Alcoholism was the agency that directed that in Yates County, probably last done in 2013. We would need to consult with the schools to determine their interest and figure out when we could get that on the school calendars. Since these surveys have a considerable cost to them, we would need to figure all this out. George said he will discuss the idea at a CCSI Tier II meeting. We will also try to find the results of the 2013 survey to use as a baseline.
- George spoke about his work with the schools regarding suicide prevention programming since there has been a rash of attempts recently. We wondered if the Coalition could assist with this by helping set up a template of signs and symptoms of suicide and substance abuse for schools to use for recognition of the issues for staff and students.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm