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Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/04/2023

Attendance

X	Abby Beausir NKISP/NKCES		Katrina Davis Humana		Sarah Bishop NorthKey
X	Alexis Bond NKYHD School Health Coordinator		Kelly West Williamstown FRYSC		Sarah Paige Wood Owen Co. DFC
	Amanda Conn Starner PreventionFirst! Sr. Director		Lauren Kathman NKYHD Harm Reduction	X	Seth Steele NKYHD Harm Reduction Educator
	Angelena Boone NorthKey		Leslie Salsbury Passport Health	X	Shaina Board Anthem Medicaid
	Christi Jefferds NKISP/NKCES	X	Linda Bates WellCare		Sherri Hoffman Anthem
	Christina Weinel NKODCP/NKADD		Lisa Anglin St. Elizabeth Community Liaison	X	Tyler Mullins GCHS YSC
X	Clyde Jamison DCBS	X	Lori Webb St. Elizabeth		
X	Courtney New NKY ASAP		Marianne Smith DRE FRC		
	Danielle Haley- Business Official GC Schools Public Info Officer	X	Marsha Bach NKYHD Programs Manager		
	Deacon Dzierzawski Evaluator - Epiphany		Mary Schneider Ext. Office - Cancer Control		
X	Emily Dade - Chair GCMS YSC		Natasha Trauth NorthKey		
	Jade Jacobs PreventionFirst!	X	Nicole Frevola NorthKey Collab. Specialist		
	Jeff Colon Pastor Lighthouse		Richard Langley NKODCP/NKADD		
	Jill Buntin GCHS Counselor		Richmond A. NKY Health - Tobacco Educator		
X	Jodi Clifford St. Elizabeth Nursing Director		Robin Webster RMB Agency		

Other: Christina Bowen, Williamstown DPP

In-Kind Time Reporting: *Please email to Coordinator*

Monthly Reports

● **Substance Update**

- Marijuana Media Campaign - 50 lockboxes requested, 49 requests filled, 1 request from non-resident not filled
- LIVEWell Grant awarded for vape compliance check (nicotine *and* THC) in collaboration with Owen County Drug Prevention Coalition
 - Will need two individuals over the age of 21, who appear close to 21, to complete compliance checks in Owen County



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- **Coordinator's Report**
- **Budget Overview**
 - Error - Evaluation Software was paid in October but accidentally duplicated on November's Budget Overview; incorrect MTD Total but all other numbers correct
 - \$104,973.44 Budget Remaining
 - 344.66% In-Kind Match Met
- **REACH Dashboard** (year to date)
 - 85.3% outputs are goal specific

Old Business:

1. Vice Chair & Secretary Positions Open
 - a. Secretary position needs filled immediately for in-person meetings beginning in February
 - i. Linda Bates, WellCare, can help but will need someone else to help when she cannot be in attendance
2. National Emerging Drug Trends Conference Recap
 - a. Christina Bowen, Williamstown DPP, shared her surprise that substances are so readily available to youth and the importance of reading labels as many substances are disguised. The conference opportunity provided by Champions resulted in increased awareness.
 - b. Kevin Noll, GCMS Assistant Principal, and Jill Buntin Kathman, GCHS Freshmen Counselor, could not be in attendance but provided written testimonials (attached).

New Business:

1. Marijuana Advocacy Plan
 - a. Include KIP Perception of Harm data and legalized state tax profit
 - b. Will continue discussion in February as to which city to start presentations with
 - i. Will complete two presentations in March and two presentations in April

Agency Announcements:

- WellCare
 - KY-SPIN's Bridging the Gap in Special Education Training TOMORROW
<https://www.kyspin.com/events/ky-spins-bridging-the-gap-in-special-education-7/1701768600/1701797400/>
 - Blue Christmas for grieving loved ones on Thursday
<https://linknky.com/event/blue-christmas/>



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- Colon Cancer Screening Kits available
<https://www.wellcareky.com/members/resources/health-and-wellness/wellness-connection/col-on-screenings.html>

Next Meeting: February 5, 2023 10:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

Lloyd's Welfare House at Grant County Park in Crittenden

2024 Meeting Dates (Calendar Invites will be sent in January)

March 4

May 6

June 3

Aug. 5

Sept. 9

Oct. 7

Nov. 4

Dec. 2



Testimonials from Coalition Members

“At the NEDT conference I was informed of possible devices and substances that might make their way into our school. In order to keep students safe it is good to know what is out there and available. I often come across vapes that I have not seen before, and the NEDT conference has given me insight to what is on the horizon. I also learned a great deal about how THC products have changed and how they are being abused by teenagers, and the dangers that are associated with its usage. I appreciate the opportunity to learn about new and emerging drug trends so that I can use that knowledge to help keep our students safe.”

- Kevin Noll, GCMS Assistant Principal

“I greatly enjoyed my time at the Emerging Drug Trends Conference and have learned many valuable things that will aid me in helping students. My personal favorite presenter was Dr. Jason Kilmer who spoke on the science behind cannabis trends and how cannabis effects the body. In my recent conversations with students I have been using his information of the length of time it takes the brain to recover after using cannabis, how that impacts verbal learning, working memory and attention. I am eager to use some of the new screeners on with students to determine level of dependence and what type of intervention would benefit them best. I have also enjoyed sharing the information learned from this conference with family and peers. I feel much more equipped to educate others on the negative effects of cannabis following this conference.”

- Jill Buntin Kathman, GCHS Freshmen Counselor