



Welcome to the Radford Youth Adult Partnership April 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meeting

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Radford Public Library

**AGENDA:** Today's meeting focused on moving forward with the ABC Prevention and Education grant for 2018, Student Conversations, Parent Forums, and applying for a 2018-19 ABC Grant.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. RYAP Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Dr. Pam Ray, New River Health  
Samantha Wilhelmi, RU  
Catherine Fae, youth librarian

Lindsay Vaughn, NRVCS  
Lynn Burris, Radford schools  
Abbie Meier, RU

Lena Rtuzinski, ABC  
Donte' Morrison, WRC  
Kirsten Smith, facilitator

- I. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** Coalition facilitator, Kirsten Smith, welcomed coalition members to the meeting and introductions were made.
- II. **Agenda Approval:** The April 4, 2018 agenda was unanimously approved with no changes after a motion from Dr. Pam Ray, which was seconded by Lena Rutzinski.
- III. **Minutes Approval:** The March 1, 2018 meeting minutes were unanimously approved after a motion from Lena Rutzinski, which was seconded by Abbie Meier.
- IV. **Community Updates:**
  - a. National Public Health Week: Dr. Pam Ray reported that this week was National Public Health Week and in honor of this awareness week all New River Valley counties have made proclamations to work towards improving the health and knowledge of public health initiatives for community members of all ages.
  - b. Out of the Darkness: Samantha Wilhelmi reported that Radford University will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Out of the Darkness awareness walk to raise funds for depression and suicide prevention research on 4/7 at 9:30 am in the Radford University Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Tyler Avenue.
  - c. Unity Fest: Samantha Wilhelmi reported on Radford University's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Unity Fest celebration, which will include a DJ, bounce houses, food trucks, and prizes for all community members. It will be on 4/7 from 1-4pm at the Dedmon Center.
  - d. Information Day: On 4/8 from 2-4pm there will be an Information Day event in Bisset Park for National Crime Victim's Rights Awareness week. Resources and community organizations in Radford City and Floyd County were invited to participate. Kirsten made a call to action for coalition volunteers to man a table at this event.
  - e. Healthy Relationships Week (HRW): Donte' Morrison reported out on the turnout of RCHS's HRW event, which was a huge success! There was an abundance of active and helpful volunteers, a lot of positive student feedback, and the Women's Resource Center was able to tie in the lessons learned from the events of HRW into their Peaceline lessons.
- V. **ABC Grant:** Kirsten Smith reported on the progress of the VA ABC Education and Prevention grant, which has been awarded to RYAP for 2017-2018.
  - a. Student Conversations: The late March student conversation was rescheduled to April 18<sup>th</sup> due to weather-related school closings. Abbie, Kirsten, Catherine, and student volunteers will be assisting this month from 2:45-4pm.

- b. Parent Forum: The dates of the upcoming parent forums are as follows; 4/16, 4/23, and 4/30. Kirsten asked coalition members to consider volunteering to help with event set-up, meal serving, and clean up at all three events. Emily Hite of the Radford City Police Department will be the featured guest speaker at the forums. In order to incentives attendance, individuals who RSVP before the forum will be placed in a raffle to win a gift card. The RYAP Facebook page has created an event to be shared with the community, as well as flyers which will be strategically placed throughout Radford.
- c. Art contest: Kirsten reported that the art contest flyer has been posted in the schools. The YADAPP students are working to promote the art contest and encourage their fellow students to participate and the art teachers have made the contest mandatory for their students. Kirsten asked the coalition how they would like to vote on the best pieces to be judged by our guest art professional and Dr. Pam Ray suggested having parents vote for their favorited at the 4/23 art forum and then having the coalition vote at the May meeting. The billboard space has been purchased for the grand prize winner.
- d. T-shirts: The YADAPP students have designed a t-shirt to advocate underage alcohol abstinence with the slogan, "Underage drinking, Definitely not thinking!" and a "Stop! Underage Drinking!" logo. The extra ABC grant money was used to purchase these shirts and they should be arriving soon.
- e. Extra Incentive Money: The coalition has some extra money left from the 2018 ABC grant cycle, which will be used to purchase coalition incentives. These incentives will be given at community events and include water bottles and rubber bracelets that say "I choose to be alcohol free."

**VI. Project Sticker Shock:** NRVCS intern, Lindsay Vaughn reported on the research she has done for the Project Sticker Shock initiative. 44% of underage drinkers get alcohol from someone who is of age. Project Sticker Shock encourages youth and community collaboration with alcohol vendors to make people aware of social hosting laws when they purchase a case of beer. YADAPP wants to partner with RYAP to put informational stickers on the alcohol packages of all local Radford vendors on a Saturday in April. Lena Rutzinski offered to get a list of all the licensees in Radford.

**VII. Other**

- a. YADAPP: Lena Rutzinski asked if RYAP was planning to send students to the YADAPP conference this summer, as it is now time to begin registration. Kirsten reported that, not only will Radford City students be attending, but Montgomery County and Pulaski County will be as well.
- b. MCCP Community Forum: Dr. Pam Ray reported out on the Montgomery County Prevention Partners (MCCP) forum, which presented YRBS data to community members, students, and parents, then lead into a panel discussion. The students were taken to a focus group and the event had a great turn out. It was suggested that RYAP look to hosting an event similar to this after 2018 YRBS results are released.
- c. 2018-19 Grant Cycle: Kirsten asked the coalition if there was interest in applying to another BAC grant, and there was. As the coalition moves forward with the application process it was suggested that the same incentives be requested, and the frequency of student conversations be transitioned to 1 a month due to their effectiveness.

***Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm***

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