



empowering youth to
make positive choices

Communities That Care of Greater Downingtown Coalition Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 ~ 12:30-1:30 pm – Lionville Community YMCA

Attendees: Libby Egnaczyk (Community Mobilizer), Cynthia Black (CTC President, Stephanie Winegar (CTC Secretary and parent), Tina Forsythe (DASD), Kathy Collier (CC Drug & Alcohol), Lauren Rudolph (Main Line Health, Judy Haupt (LATO), Chris Benzing (Marsh Creek Church), Tara Harlandder (Safe Homes Champion), Paul Short (COAD, SFP), Brian Sebold (Chester County Youth Center), Gerry Gonzalez (Child Guidance Resources Center), Anna Abbatemarco (Parent), Laurie Kerkerig (ERCC), Rick Reigner (YMCA), Celeste Alfieri (A Childs Place), Tisha Brown (CVC), Laura Obenski (CC AVOID)

Youth: Emma Egnaczyk, Hannah Egnaczyk, Steven Egnaczyk, Sophia Demers, Mitchell Winegar, Meagan Lammers, Caroline Piergioninni

Welcome & Introductions:

Approval of May 2016 Minutes:

Stephanie made motion to approve and Gerry seconded. The motion to approve May's minutes passed unanimously.

Community Announcements: No formal announcements today – but some follow-up on outstanding CTC work is as follows:

- CTC is ready to send a letter to over 500 local doctors and dentists urging them to refer to medical guidelines for prescribing pain meds to youth.
- Chris Benzing will begin work this July on a Town Hall for this fall. Topic will be preventing underage drinking. Chris is looking for assistance with this project. Contact Libby if interested.
- Cynthia summarized the year and thanked Libby for another year of prevention directing.
- Libby summarized the year thanking our many partners in prevention ~ missed from inclusion is the YMCA who serves as our Fiscal Sponsor.

Guest Speaker/Workgroups:

June is our designated month (now, 2 years strong) to meet, hear from and acknowledge youth who have worked with CTC this past year. This month we heard from several youth who participated in activities including: Positive Prom Messaging, Parents who Host, Social Media (Instagram mostly) updates, Positive messaging at MC6GC, origami folding event and impaired driving curriculum testing. Many youth spoke to the group, and then answered questions from members of the CTC. It is extremely important that youth are given this opportunity to speak about the activities, campaigns and real work we do ~ after all, they are the population impacted. The youth generated some healthy conversation among the coalition, and were thanked for their contributions.

Next CTC Meeting – is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 from 12:30-1:30. Location is TBD. Please check website for monthly meeting locations. Have a terrific and safe summer!

