

RAIS MEETING NOTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Location: Saratoga Springs Public Library

Present: Brian Farr, Janine Stuchin, Theresa Knorr, Maureen Provost, Ken Provost, Jim Dorn, Todd Bishop, Judy Moffit, Julie Ann Brennan, Sue Martin, Jacob Weakland, Gary and Jody, Heidi, Lorraine, James and Oscar S.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Farr at 7:05 pm.

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
Meeting Summary & Agenda	Introductions were made.	None.
Business Items	<p>Theresa Knorr brought us up to date on FOR-NY activities. Our Stories Have Power training is coming up in NYC and Syracuse. The Executive Summary of the Recovery Needs Survey was distributed. Theresa advised of the US Surgeon General’s Report on Addiction which was made public today.</p> <p>The Surgeon General’s Report on Addiction was discussed. Brian Farr asked for volunteers to coordinate contact with the media. _____ volunteered to contact Travis Clark at the Saratogian and Maureen Provost volunteered to contact Claire Hughes at the Times Union.</p> <p>Janine Stuchin reported that the Saratoga Leadership Group recently visited the Turning Point facility in Bennington, VT.</p> <p>Jacob Weakland advised that he is setting up a RecoverySaratoga.org website. Specific details will be discussed at the next RAIS Leadership Group meeting.</p> <p>Janine Stuchin reported gave an update on the Saratoga Spgs Recovery Community Center. An OASAS representative is coming to look at a potential site. If this site is approved, the expected opening date will be in February. The ___(HFM?) group has chosen space on Briggs Street in Johnstown and has hired a coordinator. The Glens Falls group continues to move forward.</p> <p>Jim Dorn reported on two topics discusses at the the most recent Stakeholder’s meeting. The SPAC workgroup continues to address the number of overdoses at concerts. 70% of the</p>	<p>If interested, register for training.</p> <p>_____ and Maureen to reach out to the media.</p> <p>None</p> <p>To be discussed at the next Leadership Group Meeting.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Jim to continue to attend the monthly</p>

summer drug and alcohol overdoses come from 3 concerts. They are working on improving the services available SPAC concerts, potentially developing a safety plan to be implemented at select concerts. Jim advised that the Saratoga Springs Hospital is totally behind this public health issue. Janine reported that a group of health and human services providers recently met with CDTA to request that bus service be restored to the 125 High Rock area, and it looks like it will be restored. It is vitally important to have bus service to the Prevention Council and SPARC offices.

First Night (December 31) events were discussed.

We will have the Tree of Hope again at the Saratoga Springs Visitors Center with ornaments available for a donation. Ken Provost is going to ask Hewitt's in Wilton to donate a tree. We will have an information table, with recovery information available as well. Maureen Provost will coordinate runners for the RAIS team for the First Night 5k. Maureen will prepare a blurb for the RAIS website. Donation/pledges can be made directly on the RAIS website. We have been asked to provide two volunteers to work at the information Center as well.

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Members were asked for suggestions as to where to hold the Sober Super Bowl in 2017.

Members asked for input.

The next Summer Smith 5k Race is scheduled for May 13, 2017 in Guilderland. 2016 race profits were donated to the Addiction Care Center of Albany, Schenectady YWCA and FOR-Albany.

None

No Treasurer's report was presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Provost