**SUMMARY OF TNP ANNUAL MEETING**

**5/25/22 held LIVE for the first time since coalition re-launched in Oct. 2020!!**

**Present:** Daniella Arias (The Hub), Cadence Pentheny (Triangle Community Center), Claudia Maldonado Pierrette (Family & Children’s Agency), AnaVivian Estrella (Norwalk Community Services), Kelley Meier and Aniella Fignon (Health Dept), Doreen Maher (Community Advocate), Anamilena Moreno (Norwalk ACTS), Ever St Surin & Marilyn Moreau (Community Action Agency of Western CT), Diana Revolus (Community Advocate & Common Council), Nina Chanana (project evaluator), Margaret Watt & Vanessa Wilson (Positive Directions) (multiple absences excused)

1. Networking & sharing of resources
   1. New resources at Family Centers
   2. Pride Month activities – volunteers needed!
   3. Haitian Heritage Month
   4. Nutrition & Mental Health talk
2. Announcements / Discussion
   1. Triangle has now trained all faculty and staff at the Norwalk middle and high schools in LGBTQ+ 101 (one hour training on the basics)! The school counselors have done additional training including scenario based trainings.
      1. This outcome comes directly from our youth data! ACTION: Submit success story to CADCA
      2. The students aren’t aware that the faculty have been trained—should let them know.
      3. Free LGBTQ+ youth and YA summer camps
      4. Discussed also adding free LGBTQ+ 101 training for parents and youth over the summer ACTION: Create flyer
   2. Discussion of teacher and student burnout
      1. Need to stay strong on mental health messaging
      2. Continue to review mental health referral process in schools – look at number of calls to 211
   3. We are planning to conduct the youth survey again next year!
   4. Youth Mental Health First Aid coming up!
   5. Free Recovery Coach Academy for youth and young adults this summer through Positive Directions’ TurningPointCT.org project
3. Year in Review slideshow – see here
   1. Showed the “Clouded” vaping PSA that we are running at the Dept of Motor Vehicles
4. Recognitions: Many thanks to our leadership team: AnaVivian, Denique, Ginger, Jim, Tory!
   1. Community Partner of the Year: Triangle Community Center (award presented to Cadence Pentheny)
   2. Youth Supporter of the Year: Ed Milton, TeenTalk Counselor, Kids in Crisis
   3. Advocate of the Year: Diana Revolus
   4. Sector Rep of the Year: Katie Gallo (Media Sector)
5. New programs/resources:
   1. CCF at the Corner is new nonprofit in town offering girls and boys groups and other resources
   2. FCA health equity & wellness grant from CDC to support children, families and seniors
   3. Positive Directions will be adding a full-time Psych APRN at the end of June. We also have a Haitian Creole-speaking clinician
   4. ARPA grant to Positive Directions will support separate male and female support groups led by a clinician, as well as a SMART Teen group and monthly social activities, co-led by Youth Business Initiative
   5. ARPA grant to HSC will allow after-hours and summer mental health support for youth
   6. Norwalk Health Dept’s Norwalker program starts first week of June – Wednesdays at 6pm
   7. Norwalk Health Dept’s Growing Gardens program starts June 27th
6. Events this summer:
   1. Bowling night July 9th, Mo’s Summer Run July-August, Pride Month programs, TCC Youth summer program, Ase Kreationz summer program, Community Day by YBI, Carver basketball nights, YMHFA, EJ’s HEARTinc.org
   2. All will be included in our summer edition of the monthly parent newsletter – please share!
7. Sign Ups:
   1. Diana R: Teen Night, Alcohol, Marijuana
   2. Anamilena: recruiting teens, planning
   3. AnaVivian: data committee
   4. Nina: Secretary for 2 months
   5. Aniella: Policy and survey/data
   6. Eve: Teen Night & survey/data