**Minutes of TNP Marijuana Committee Meeting – 9/9/21**

Present: Sabine Romsaint, Diamond Sead, Ginger Katz, Denise Rollinson, Pete King, Diana Revolus, Anthony DiLauro, Wendy Mendes, Tiffani Ager, Laila McGeorge, Margaret Watt, Nina Chanana

Agenda:

1. Updates
   1. 25th anniversary of Ian’s death – visit website CouragetoSpeak.org
   2. Alateen back in the community at St Luke’s in Darien vs Norwalk Hospital
   3. Alateen going to back to Norwalk HS
   4. Fundraiser for Haitian American Collaborative
   5. NCC is back on campus for 40% of students (2200)
   6. NCC is having Fresh Check Day October 14th and is planning to build recovery friendly workplace, new mental health drop-in for students
   7. BOE presentation next week
2. Please see minutes of last meeting
3. Shared revised logic model
4. Discussed key elements of workplan related to MJ:
   1. Information strategies: Freshman Forum for youth & parents, presentations for parents, awareness campaign (social hosting / safe storage), environmental scan
      1. NCC can host a presentation for college community and parents from early childhood – Community Conversation – on a Friday at 1-2pm or evening – psych professors may be able to offer extra credit
      2. Wendy can check with Sue Zanelli (maybe!) about possible capstone project related to environmental scan or similar
   2. Skills: MH, LGBTQ, Preventure, peer trainings, refusal skills, MJ ed for health teachers, parenting education – “Talk. They Listen” and other campaigns – possibly TIPS training for retailers
   3. Support: ?Courageous Parents network? Visible law enforcement support, sober social activities
      1. Complications of campaigns around values like “not under my roof” ! Kids embarrassed if you drop in on a party -
   4. Barriers: bag checks! Safe storage actions, patrols at beaches
   5. Consequences: suggestions and sample contracts for parents, Preventure program
   6. Physical Design: signage & lights at beaches
   7. Policies: mandatory screening & referral at schools for drug violations; work with city on designation of park; limiting advertising; working with city to designate MJ tax revenue for prevention
5. Who can do what?

Comments:

* Executive functioning goes out the window when you use frequently - look at how frequent the use is
* Neurosurgeon who said that 1 joint can change a teen’s brain structure
* Did you know? Facts series
* Doctors talking about the science can have a lot of power – Dr. Dewey from Long Island