

Stoneham Coalition

October 5, 2020 - 5:30pm Meeting Minutes: Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Kayla Vodka, John Macero, Megan Samborski, Carol O'Loughlin, Herlinda Saitz,, Maureen Buzby, Dennis Sheehan, Cory Mashburn, Mary Lou Hardy, Jim McIntyre, Adam Rodgers, Liz Parsons, Tracy Ascollio, Patrick Carroll, Steve Bushner, Terry Dean, Melanie Mendes, Dan Hudson, Anthony Guardia, Ben and Becky Jacques, Judy Sadacca, K Marek, Steve Bushner, Matha Oesch, Calvin Fergins, Lauren Costantine, David Stefanelli

Welcome / Intro/ Discussion – Carol O'Loughlin, Chair

Welcome/ Introductions- new attendees' introduction/ roll call

Approval of September minutes- all approved.

Sector Reports/Announcements - Carol O'Loughlin gives update on COVID-19 DPH Survey

Stoneham Racial Equity Group Formation- Kayla Vodka, Director

- Introduction of racial equity community group to Coalition, facilitated by Kayla Vodka and members of coalition
- Pastor Calvin W. Fergins, from First Baptist Church of Stoneham, gives overview of group meetings in Stoneham
- Partnership consideration- Martha Oesch gives details of school committee subcommittee on racial equity. Group will continue to meet outside of coalition meetings with support of coalition. Contact Ben and Becky Jacques or Pastor Calvin for info.

Responding to a Fatal Overdose

- Conversation on Systematic response to fatal overdose by coalition
- Lt Det Stefanelli gives overview of response by SPD to overdose situations, including support for families through Tracy and Elliot Services.
- Conversation about providing resources for larger community outside of the school's response
- Outreach strategies – hard to reach demographics. Conversation to continue on how to handle moving forward.

Subcommittee Formation

- Survey results- review of survey for subcommittee groups to work on: mental health, racial equity, vulnerable populations. Group selection/leadership
- Breakout groups - groups meet in zoom conference rooms to brainstorm tangible next steps. (See notes from recap email with bullets discussed in each group)

Announcements Kayla Vodka announces departure from her role as Prevention Director, effective before the next coalition meeting. If you would like to contact Kayla to get her future contact info please reach out at kvodka@stoneham-ma.gov . Coalition attendees thank Kayla for her work with the coalition and the Drug Free Communities grant.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2, 2020