

## **Stoneham Coalition**

### **September 14, 2020 - 5:30pm Meeting Minutes: Virtual Meeting**

#### **Attendance:**

Kayla Vodka, John Macero, Megan Samborski, Carol O'Loughlin, Ed Rosa, Herlinda Saitz,, Pat healey, Maureen Buzby, Dennis Sheehan, Cory Mashburn, Mary Lou Hardy, Jim McIntyre, Adam Rodgers, Liz Parsons, David Gardner, Adam Rodgers, Tracy Ascollio, Patrick Carroll, Steve Bushner, Terry Dean, Ryan Goyette, Melanie Mendes, Dan Hudson

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

Welcome/ Introductions- new attendees' introduction/ roll call  
Approval of August Minutes. Chief McIntyre- motion to accept, all: accept Aug minutes.  
Introduction of new veteran services contact, Melanie Mendes.

#### **Presentation of Past Activities- Kayla Vodka, Director**

- Recap of Evidence Based Strategies for Community Change
- Providing Education, Enhancing Skills, Providing Support, Changing consequences, Modifying policies
- See presentation (emailed / Sept Newsletter) for more detail and recap

#### **Future Focus for Coalition 2020-2021**

- Vote on top concerns from 8/3 meeting – list of concerns moving into 2021 post- covid are addressed.
- Online live poll used to have attendees vote on top 3.
- Poll results: vulnerable populations, mental health, racial equity.
- Based on the poll results – what deliverables can we accomplish before end of the year, one before spring?
- Break into zoom “rooms” to discuss strategies to address one of these 3. See notes on page 2 with discussion.

#### **Announcements**

Details of recovery month plans discussed. Virtual Vigil will take place on coalition event page via Facebook. Residents are encouraged to add lights, candles or luminaries outside their home and share their photos/ messages of hope to the page. Event is in celebration of recovery and in memory of those lost to substance us disorder. Select board will also vote to allow a tree on the common to be lighted purple for the last week of Sept in recognition of recovery.

**NEXT MEETING: To be announced.**