

Stoneham Coalition

July 13, 2020 - 5:30pm Meeting Minutes: Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Kayla Vodka, John Macero, Megan Samborski, Shelly MacNeill, Ben and Becky Jacques, Carol O'Loughlin, Ed Rosa, Herlinda Saitz, Dan Hudson, Pat healey, Maureen Buzby, Steve Kingston, Mary Lou Hardy, Deborah Delman, Jim McIntyre, Lauren Chambers, Adam Rodgers, Martha Oesch, Terry Dean, Liz Parsons

Welcome / Intro - Kayla Vodka

Approval June Min- all approved.

Coalition Leadership Update- Shelly MacNeill

Shelly announces plan on stepping down from chair of coalition. Will remain as chair of the coalition board, which includes representatives from the community sectors. MacNeill recommended to the board that Carol O'Loughlin be appointed as new chair. Carol has been a volunteer since the coalition's inception and was recently elected to the board of health. Discussion regarding structure moving forward, and the adjustment of adding a Vice Chair as a way to provide a succession plan. The role of vice chair will be voted on and coalition members are welcome to email the board if you have interest in the position, which will be discussed further at the august meeting. Discussed exploring an action plan for the larger coalition outside of the youth prevention initiatives tied to the DFC grant.

Coalition Internship-

Kayla Vodka/ Megan Samborski/ Pat Healey-

Announcement and details regarding paid summer practicum with two stoneham teens to learn advocacy and communications work with the coalition. Interns will begin in the coming weeks with the option to stay on past 6 weeks. Interns will choose from two projects. METCO (program giving cities and town school committees and districts the right to "help alleviate racial isolation" and "racial imbalance" by placing children who reside elsewhere in their schools. Second option to create a mental health awareness campaign for youth following the effects of COVID 19. Superintendent Macero interested in METCO programming for SHS. Youth advisors to keep coalition updated as the practicum moves forward.

Upcoming Projects-

- Health and Safety Guide – guide will be mailed in coming weeks to stoneham households with youth under 18 in HH.
- Movie Screening- partnership with Stoneham Chamber to show movies on Racial Equity. Looking for film options and discussed ways to display movie and community conversation/ speaker/ facilitate after the movie showing. More details to follow.

Boys and Girls Club Partnership- Curriculum and PSA equipment- Adam Rodgers provides summary of youth partnership with coalition. Grant funding will be providing youth programming and PSA equipment to B & G Club alongside access to community space for youth and coalition staff to utilize at new teen center site. Site will allow for more production of podcasts, psa and other youth related media in the new school year.

Elliot Services- new recovery coach coming from Eliot Services in August, Tracy will be working with residents of stoneham and Wakefield in recovery. More details and intro to come in Aug.

NEXT MEETING: Monday August 3 @ 5:30pm - ZOOM