



**Northampton  
Prevention  
Coalition**



**Northampton Prevention Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Agenda**

**April 24, 2020 9:30am-10:30am**

**ZOOM, Northampton, MA**

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Topic	Time	Action to be Taken/Decision to be Made	Person responsible
<b>Welcome</b>	9:30	<p>Welcome: How is everyone doing? Updates from sectors, announcements. Attendees: Heather Warner, Laurie Loisel, Kipp Armstrong, Jeff Harness, Lydia Davis, Melinda Calianos, Aaron Pitrat, Cherry Sullivan, and Ananda Lennox. Updates: <b>LL</b>: DA office offering 1month support group for loved ones lost to opioid overdose. Share link. <b>Kipp</b>: Zoom burnout and challenge of therapy online; <b>JH</b>: CDH has 80 patients. Needs help spreading word that CDH is open to people who need help- heart issues, etc. Latino population in Amherst suffers with food insecurity and fear of eviction. Spread word support needed. Amherst survival center to get help to them. Baystate has an entire wing free if needed can house covid-19 patients. <b>MC</b>: healthy, rocky life. Tobacco news we need to get word out that menthol sales will end June 1st and covid-19 and tobacco use do not mix. <b>CS</b>: Life is interesting with unique challenges. New challenge professionally is onboarding new employees remotely. <b>AP</b>: BHN/Hope center, elder staff calling in due to covid-19 fears. Procedures for preventing contagion are stringent. Jail connections program is impacted negatively by social distancing. Please spread word on Intergroup. The Western Ma and New York groups are particularly active and good for people in early recovery. Intergroup offers live 12 step programs. <b>LD</b>: Busy with youth via chats and zooming. NHS kids working on social media campaigns and a zoom launch of Amherst kids movie, dangers of social media, is happening 4/29 at 4pm. Share link. LD is moving house too.</p>	Ananda

<b>Pressing Business</b>	9:45-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DFC Grant requires an interim Program Director</li> <li>● <b>Seeking Approval to appoint Ananda Lennox to this role</b></li> <li>● <b>JH: I move to appoint Ananda Lennox; AP: Seconds it; LL: all in favor ( unanimous).</b></li> </ul>	All
<b>Grant Requirements</b>	10:00-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quarterly FFR on PMS</li> <li>● Annual FFR on ERA Commons</li> <li>● Application for carry-over funds from years 1-9: Will look into, may be wrapped into NCE, if so, we will apply to cover whatever projects are left unfinished.</li> <li>● <b>No-cost extension application for year 10: seeking approval to submit an application to request \$143,538 in unobligated funds, all in favor to pursue NCE? All approve!</b></li> <li>● Conference call scheduled for business office, Ananda, and SAMHSA grants officer</li> </ul>	Ananda/All
<b>SPIFFY/NPC</b>	10:15-10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teens, Tweens, Quarantine at capacity!- update over 90 people registered. Heather will handle q&amp;a; LL will moderate chat room</li> <li>● Continue the series?</li> </ul>	Ananda/Heather
<b>Wrap up</b>	10:25-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any further points to discuss?: Continuation of the coalition. Members think NPS or the Health Dept could be a good fit. Some concerns- school dept could cut funding if budget gets tight; Health dept will have to deal with proper handling of finding that comes from marijuana dispensaries. Key points: Be very transparent in transactions; keep mission public and share it frequently; consider formation of a committee beneath the city to determine where funds go. This creates more distance between NPC and NETA. See Gail Gramarosa for details. We want to revisit our mission statement and look into clarifying how funding will be used and define prevention in our own words. Keep reduction and delay of use at forefront. Make sure we are not limited to marijuana prevention but can</li> </ul>	ALL

		<p>address all problematic substances for the age group we serve. Transparency can help us maintain our integrity. More eyes will be on us when/if our funding stream changes to MJ funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next steps during Covid-19?</li> <li>● NPC has contracted with Gail Gramarosa to produce a program evaluation report to cover NPC's lifetime achievements.</li> </ul>	
		<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check in with the City solicitor and Mayor's aid, Alan Walker on NPC and open meeting laws. Do they pertain to us?</li> <li>● Letter to SAMHSA change of Program Director</li> <li>● Send out links to Zoom Amherst youth launch</li> <li>● Send out Intergroup meeting links</li> <li>● Spread word about DA's support group (loss due to opioid overdose)</li> <li>● Amherst Survival Center seeking donations to support food insecure and housing insecure Latino families</li> <li>● CDH open for emergencies/ health needs</li> <li>● Tobacco menthol ban June 1st</li> <li>● FFR and grant tasks</li> <li>● Sustainability/action plan for coming year</li> </ul>	

*The mission of the Northampton Prevention Coalition is: "to collaboratively initiate, coordinate, and sustain prevention and intervention efforts that reduce teen substance use in the City of Northampton."*