

**Community Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2024**  
**Live Hilton Head High School Media Center and via zoom**

**Meeting called to order 6:04 pm** by Wendy Cummings, Chair

**Approval of Minutes:** December meeting minutes were approved.( motion by David Martin and seconded by Wendy Cummings)

**Attendance:** Francine Norz Tobin (Government/Solicitor’s Office), Dr. Loretta Novince (LCAHY/DFC Grant Consultant/DFC Grant Principal Investigator), Wendy Cummings(Schools/Co-Advisor Cross THY), Leslie Vargas Prada (Community Foundation of the LowCountry), Galen Sturup Comeau (Substance Abuse Government Agency/BACADAD), Tiffany Elrod (Schools/THY Co-Advisor May River High), Dr. Ronda Stephens (Health Professional/ Wright Directions Family Services), Mary Meghan Garmon (Schools/THY Co-Advisor Hilton Head High School), Erin Pawlak (Health Professional/ Behavioral Wellness Group), Sgt. Chris Wilson (Law Enforcement/Bluffton Police Department), David Martin (Business Sector/Piggly Wiggly), Jill Delguercio (Schools/THY Advisor Hilton Head Christian Academy), Cheryl Rodriguez (Parent Sector), Caroline Thomas (Youth./THY Hilton Head Christian Academy), Kelsey Wilson (Youth/THY Member Hilton Head Christian Academy), Addison Williams (Youth/THY Member Hilton Head Christian Academy), Rachel Borack (Youth/THY Member Hilton Head Christian Academy). Ashlyn Elrod (Youth/THY Member May River High School) Staff: Kathy Brookshire (DFC Grant Coordinator), Laura Pirkey (DFC Grant Program Director and Youth Coalition Coordinator).

**DFC Support Program Grant Update:**

Dr. Novince announced the 25th anniversary of the DFC Grant, provided the DFC program overview and DFC survey requirements. [See link.](#) She then presented an example of the Coalition Involvement Agreement (CIA), which details the role of the 12 sector representatives. [See link](#) One important CIA responsibility is sharing information with their sector. She noted that during Grant year 7, we will be looking for Board member input on the Sustainability Plan, which is to be submitted with the annual DFC progress report in August.

**12-Month Action Plan Updates/Ad-Hoc Committee Assignments**

**TEENS FOR HEALTHY YOUTH (THY)**

Laura Pirkey, Youth Coalition Coordinator, announced that the LCAHY annual recognition of THY members will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at May River High at 6 pm. She also announced that THY has an opportunity to fundraise as volunteers at Hilton Head marathon for Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Hilton Head Christian Academy THY- four students presented that they have designed posters for the school on mental health awareness month and posting to THY Instagram account. Also for exams did candy cane inspirational messages. Also planning to create a video on fentanyl campaign. That video will go on the LCAHY website and be submitted to SAMSA.

May River High School, THY- Ashland Elrod, THY member, presented that they too have been putting up school posters on mental health awareness month. They are also putting messages related to mental health and wellness on lunch tables.

Hilton Head High School THY: Mary Meghan Garmon reported that this week will be Hilton Head High THYs first meeting since the holiday break. The focus will be on presenting the PPW program to Boys and Girls club students. Galen mentioned that Boys and Girls Club will be doing a teen education series and THY could piggy-back on that event.

Cross Schools THY: Wendy Cummings, THY co-advisor, presented that Cross Schools is focusing on social media. THY is gearing up for February for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and Kindness week. There are about 4-5 projects all in February. On February 8<sup>th</sup> Cross Schools will have a THY induction ceremony.

Bluffton High THY – Laura presented that their focus is also Teen Dating Violence Awareness month.

**May Day 5K**: Wendy announced that May 11<sup>th</sup> is the date of the May Day 5 K. It will be the same day as Mayfest, which will give us more exposure. We need to Solicit Sponsors, and we hope every Board member can get at least one sponsor. Sponsorship details will be announced at the February meeting.

**We ID the LCAHY WAY**: David Martin presented on the We ID the LCAHY Way training for staff conducted by Galen at the Island Rec. At the training, it was suggested that Galen create a template to be given to volunteers to use when checking ID's. The template was presented during the meeting. [See Link](#). Dr. Novince suggested that our graphic designer review the document, which gives steps to identifying fake IDs. Galen followed up and reported that he recently conducted the four-hour PREP training for several of the staff. The Rec Center trains festival volunteers and community volunteers at events where alcohol is served. A THY member is working on the design of signage that will be posted at the festivals.

**Fund Development and Community Outreach**: David Martin was invited to present to the 100 Men and Women Group, that awards funds to selected non-profits. LCAHY was not selected. However, David noted that he had an opportunity to provide information and awareness about LCAHY. David also presented that he will meet with officials at the Town of Hilton Head about the distribution of the Opioid Settlement Funds received.

**LCAHY Public Health Awareness Campaign PSAs/WHHI and WSAV**: WHHI recently released a new PSA's on the effects of drugs on athletic performance, which is to be broadcasted during basketball season. [See link](#) The PSA has local coaches and students giving drug/alcohol facts. The PSA was created around LCAHY's fact card, Effects of drugs on Athletic Performance. [See link](#). WSAV has produced a number of the LCAHY public health awareness campaign PSAs into Spanish which were translated by a LCAHY staff member. The one pill can kill PSA was featured at the meeting. [See Link \(English\)](#) [See Link \(Spanish\)](#). Wendy suggested that Board members forward the PSA announcements.

**Environmental Scan**: On Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> LCAHY plans to conduct a scan in Bluffton with focus on gas stations. Laura reported that THY members will conduct the scan. Two adult drivers are needed. A gift card will be given to each driver to compensate for gas. Students will conduct the scans using a survey template that will include "gas station heroin" "ZaZa" and vapes. A THY member is compiling a list of vape shops to be scanned in the future.

**Parent Information Session**: Cheryl Rodriguez sent an email to parents who expressed an interest in participating in a parent information zoom session.

**12 Month Action Plan/Prevent and Reduce Marijuana Use**: Dr. Novince presented the 12 Month Action Plan and asked us to give any input or suggestions. [See draft](#).

**New Business**: Dr. Novince reported that our website was migrated out of word press, and we lost some information. We are therefore rebuilding our website. Our Intern, Ethan, is working on graphics for the website. <https://www.lcahealthyouth.com/>

**In kind support documentation**: Laura reminded everyone to report in kind hours as we are in grant year 7. If you forgot to document anything before October 1, 2023, go back and document in grant year 6. The password is positivechoices for documenting hours.

Next meetings schedule:

February 26 2024 Bluffton High School Media Center

March 18, 2024 Hilton Head High School Media Center

April 22, 2024 Bluffton High School Media Center

May 20, 2024 Hilton Head High School Media Center

June 17, 2024 Bluffton High School Media Center

July 2024- no meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, -- Francine Norz Tobin, Recording Secretary