



## MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, February 9, 2017

**Attendance:** Jim Bloss, Randy Brown, JeNell Buchanan, Barb Coleman, Juliet D’Alessandro, Maribeth Darst, Chris Gray, Michael Hanford, Morgan Huber, Timothy Jackson, Chris Jury, Tom MacIntyre, Cherie Matyas, Lorretta Morris, Mary Myers, Justin Springer

**Guests:** Jodie DesBiens, ESD 189; Bill Mahoskey, MSD Transportation Department; Calei Vaughn, VOAWW;

**Staff:** Joe Neigel

**Sectors of Support represented at this meeting:** 10 (green = represented, white = not represented; **8 required**)

Youth	Parent	Law Enforcement
Civic/Volunteer Group	Business	Healthcare Professional
Media	School	Youth Serving Organization
Other Substance Abuse Org	Religious/Fraternal Organization	Local Government
Chemical Dependency Treatment	Mental Health	

- **Call to Order**

Monroe Community Coalition full membership meeting was called to order at 1PM by Tom MacIntyre.

- **Needs Assessment Round Robin**

Coalition members broke into small groups to share their perspectives on the strengths and challenges facing our community. This preliminary needs assessment provides a lense through which the coalition will examine Healthy Youth Survey data when it is released later this spring. Small groups rotated to seven stations and recorded their thoughts in response to the following questions:

1. What’s great about living or working in Monroe?
2. What concerns or worries do you have for our community?
3. What do you think has a positive impact on youth in our community?
4. What do you think has a negative impact on youth in our community?
5. What factors do you think contribute to underage drinking and other substance abuse in our community?  
Have there been any changes in the community that might influence use?
6. What specific resources/agencies do we have in our community to help us address the issues impacting youth?
7. What resources are missing – or too difficult to access – that could help us with these issues?

The Coalition will revisit the round robin process in April to examine the specific risk and protective factors identified in the Annual Community Survey, the Healthy Youth Survey and the DSHS Department of Research and Data Analysis’ Community Risk and Protective Factors report.

Raw comments from February’s round robin can be found on the coalition website at:

<http://monroecommunitycoalition.com/meetings/minutes-and-agendas/>

- **Sectors of Support – Leadership Team Report and Consensus**

The Leadership Team was directed to discuss the requirements and expectations for membership after deliberation occurred at the January, 2017 Coalition meeting. After discussing the points and concerns raised at that meeting, the Leadership Team endorsed the following:

The Coalition wants to be welcoming to everyone and remain supportive of the current levels of support we are receiving. As such, the Leadership Team endorsed preserving the current membership structure and will focus on creating more opportunities for engagement for those who wish to become more involved.

The Coalition concurred with Leadership Team’s recommendations, which will be reflected in the 2017 Strategic Plan.

- **Suicide Prevention Grant Application**

The Coalition learned its suicide prevention grant application to the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery was successful and discussed implementation elements, including:

1. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training and Training of Trainers
2. Potential Coping and Support Training (CAST)
3. Movie night at the Galaxy Theater (Screenagers)

- **Adjourn**

The Coalition meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 in the School Board Meeting Room at the Monroe School District Administration Office from 1-2:30pm.

<b>Monroe Community Coalition Standing Subcommittees</b>	
<b>Leadership Team</b>	Tom MacIntyre, Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers
<b>Media/Communications</b>	Cherie Matyas, Chris Gray,
<b>Training</b>	Mary Myers, JeNell Buchanan
<b>Community Relations</b>	Michael Hanford
<b>Coalition Buddies</b>	Open
<b>Policy/Advocacy</b>	Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford
<b>Youth Coalition</b>	John Lee, Patrick Miles, Kyleigh Council, Ana Leon, Soccoro Garcia