

Northern Lights Monthly Coalition Meeting April 25th, 2024

Attendees (in person) - Ashley Ramsey DOH, Denise Williams Northern Lights, Louisie Tallifaro DOH, Joy Cortina Life of Joy, Liz Walters Crisis Response, Devin Howard, mentor and Northern Lights Chairperson

(Virtual) - Jessica Hunnell Peer Support, Tykerria Dunscomb Youth Peer Support, Marty Brumbraun Pathways, Stacy Church of Severn Run

- After the introductions, Denise read the meeting outline that Katie had written up. Information on the FY24 end-of-the-year banquet. It's going to be on June 18th at Pip Moyer in Annapolis. This year, it will be a luncheon instead of an evening event due to so many bars and restaurants not attending in the past. This year, we will recognize the bars and restaurants that met all Responsible Beverage Service requirements and the students who positively impact our communities. Caliente Grill will cater the event, and Main and Market will supply the desserts. Mayor Gavin Buckley will be one of the guest speakers; no other speakers have been decided yet.

- The Safe County Alliance is having pushback from bars and restaurants regarding becoming Narcan Trained and keeping it on the premises. We need to either develop a better sales pitch or change our strategy.
- Tips training is going well now that we schedule them every other week between the DOH office in Annapolis and Langley Rd.
- We still need needs assessments for both youth and adults. A big shout-out to Stacy at the Church of Severn Run, who will host a youth and adult session.
- SOS had an amazing year, amplified by the success of House of Addictions at Marley Station Mall. An SOS at Bates Middle School (Annapolis cluster) on May 9th, 2024, will conclude the 2023/2024 school year. It's in the evening, and all are welcome. We plan on hosting two House of Addictions in the 2024/2025 school year. We sent out a survey and have gotten back all positive feedback.
- With prom season in full swing, the rest of the time was spent discussing how to get parents to stop hosting drinking parties and enabling their children in less-than-positive ways. This led to how we get parents involved in practicing good parenting skills, coming to SOSs, etc. We did not come up with a solution, but the conversation was great and needs a follow-up.

- Upcoming events

Recovery Anne Arundel May 1st @ 10 am

Bates Middle School SOS 5/9th @ 5:30 pm

Mental Health Agency Fair @ Cat North 5/11 all day long

WASP monthly meeting 5/14 @ 12 noon

My Life Foundation fair 5/18 all-day