



August Coalition Meeting
Thursday, August 29, 2024, 12 PM
Eastern District Police Station

1. Attendance:

2. Grant Deliverables and Strategy Planning for FY25:

a. Coalition Meeting Membership

- i. Membership: 12 Sector breakdown. Let's pick 4 to start.
 1. Youth, Parents, Business, Media, Schools, Youth-serving Organizations, Law Enforcement, Faith-based organizations, Civic or Volunteer groups, Healthcare professionals, State Employee
- ii. Speakers: We will have a speaker quarterly starting in September.
 1. September Meeting: Person in Recover for Recovery Month
 2. January Meeting: Not yet Decided
 3. March Meeting: Not yet Decided
 4. June Meeting- End of Year event

b. Safe County Alliance

- i. Compliance award distribution:
 1. ZipCode Break-Down:
 - a. We have 10 "Zipcode" Areas in NLASA territory
 - i. We will deliver 3 areas at a time over the course of three weeks. One zip code area is Gibson Island, so nothing is delivered there.
 2. The timeline of delivery is still up in the air due to SCA.

c. Responsible beverage service training: (Updates)

- i. We have TIPS Training set up for September 17th

d. Narcan Training

- i. Monthly virtual meetings & Monthly in-person meetings
 1. Monthly virtual training: 4th Monday of the month, register on the prevention website

e. Listening Sessions

- i. We want to have a Q2 and Q3 Listening session for both Youth and Adults set in stone and planned by the end of Q1.CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
 1. We need locations and participants (Between 8 and 20 ppl)
 2. Ideally, because DOH has to be there to record during the day, they are usually unavailable in the evening. (At least until Ashley's position is replaced.

3. Stakeholders Updates:

Next meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 12 PM

Northern Lights Monthly Coalition Meeting August 29, 2024

Attendees (in person) - Sgt. Christina Sheppard, Phillip Rismiller, John Bullis, and Ryan Marani all of the National Guard Drug Counter Division, Liz Walters Crisis Response, Desi Thomas DOH Suicide Prevention, Justin Noel DOH SADD, Katie Wargo, Denise Williams (virtual) Ms Rivis DEA

Since the National Guard was present, which is helping us build capacity and increase the number of members in the needed 12 sectors, we spent much of the hour discussing this. The meeting opened up with Desi Thomas, Justin Noel, and Liz Walters going into great depth on their job description and how it impacts and works together with Northern Lights.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing and getting suggestions on who we need to contact to meet our grant requirements for the 12 sectors.

Youth - Northern Lights has made great connections with our youth through Sound of Silence, House of Addictions, and various in-school mental health and substance misuse fairs. We also have a Northeast Sr. High School student who will be interning for us through the 2024 / 2025 school year.

Parents - We have plenty of parents who are interested in participating with Northern Light but we have to work out a meeting time that is convenient for them since they have day jobs.

Business - Contact Business associations such as PBA and local Rotary Clubs etc. Desi said she might have a connection with the Glen Burnie Rotary Club. Denise knows someone who might connect us with the PBA.

Media - Contact podcasters, local radio and TV stations. Katie was put into contact with 98 Rock several months ago and will reach back out.

Schools - We have already made connections with every Middle and High School in the county.

Youth Serving Organizations - Contact Boys and Girls Clubs. H2O Club

Law Enforcement - Due to cutbacks Anne Arundel County Police no longer do outreach. Desi will contact Steve Thomas for help. The National Guard is also going to look into this.

Faith-Based Organizations - Justin Noel is looking into this.

Civic or Volunteer organizations - contact the Volunteer Fire Departments

Healthcare Professionals - We have a few in mind to contact - Dr. Judy and Dr Drew

State Employees - We never discussed this one

Upcoming events

IOAD that evening at Quiet Water Park in Annapolis

Recovery Walk - Sept 15 at Peoples Park in Annapolis

Red Ribbon Week - at all high schools the last week of October. We are trying to do a Vape take back. We still have a lot of work to do.