

**MINUTES
OASIS
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 13th, 2020
7:00 PM Town Hall**

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

OASIS members present: Vincent Provenzano, Heather Fernilo, Laura DeLeo,

OASIS members absent: Diane Soracco, Madalene Taggart, Stephen Brown, Sheniequa Brown

Others in Attendance/LPC: Rev. Niki Harvell (faith Rep.), Heather Haney (senior center), Kathy Hanley (WCTC), Sgt. Rob Boroski (law enforcement), Loumarie Rodriguez (Voices), Tom Gugliotti (Oxford Police)

Quorum 3 out of 7 members present, no quorum

Recess to LPC – No quorum for OASIS meeting

- Motion to recess: Laura DeLeo
- Second: Heather Ferillo
- Vote: unanimous
- Motion Carries

ITEM 1 Western CT Coalition Update: Kathy Hanley

- CADCA – Community Anti-Drug Coalition
- Has a drug-free communities grant (federal grant) to do work in their region
- Met with Johanna Hayes staffers which went well
- LPC leadership meeting convened multiple LPC representatives in the region. Topic: building capacity and vision among LPC groups
- Upcoming events for problem gambling. Next one is March 27th in Torrington to discuss treatment and recovery. WCSU will have on March 4th Mental Health and problem gambling

ITEM 2 Police Update:

- Will start to apply for anti-heroin grant (federal). Will need 5-10 years of statistics for heroin overdoses in town. Kathy added that this data can be found through the office of the medical examiner and will send it to Sgt. Boroski. Money can go to equipment, supplies, training, consultants. Some could be used for resource consultants through LPC/OASIS coordination.
- (T. Gugliotti) DARE (Define, Assess, Respond, Evaluate) program – Tom has experience from work in Southbury with this program and is passionate about its implementation here. Goal is for 5th & 6th grade. Curriculum contains pieces of conflict resolution, problem solving, peer pressure, bullying, drugs, smoking, vaping, occasionally weapons etc. Law enforcement will be meeting with the Board of Ed. to discuss details of how/when the program can begin through the curriculum. The program has made changes to its curriculum that are helpful and more effective for youth today.
- Police are certified and updated for anti-racism and diversity trainings. There is a specific task force that looks into domestic terrorism and hate crimes.

ITEM 3 PDDH Update:

- No representative present, resource distributed about “Courage to Speak: Courageous Parenting 101” which is a free online course for parents to teach about having drug prevention conversations with their children.

ITEM 4 PHD Update Americorp: Vinny Provenzano

- Refund for the unavailable Americorp worker has been received
- We have also received the vaping mini-grant money from Western CT Coalition
- Current account balance about \$8400
- Application in for \$5000 grant specific to opioids

ITEM 5 Updates: Status of plans at schools

- We are discussing the possibility of doing a “Freshman Forum” next school year - waiting on some dates for this.
- We are in communication with a group to design a custom program to cover a variety of issues and presented through health class, or the alternative program. This will be short term and funded by OASIS vaping mini-grant. **Meeting Thursday February 20, 2020 at 11am OHS**
- We are working to send one or two surveys that will fulfill the vaping grant requirements. Currently Dorothy, Randi and Christine are looking the questionnaire over and making revisions. The survey could be sent one to youth and one to parents/ over 18 folks.
- We are planning a school program featuring a guest speaker like Chris Heron or Stephen Hill.
- Hidden In Plain Sight is scheduled for schools already.

ITEM 6 Future Plans

- Will continue to work on setting up programs for seniors which will fulfill deliverables for some of the grant money. Kathy recommends purchasing the drug disposal bags to give to seniors.
- End of March will be CRAFT training, dates being finalized with Rob (presenter) Includes training session and another day to implement learning. Looking into locations to host. For families/loved ones of those with substance abuse disorders.
- Town vigil to be hosted in conjunction with Valley Interfaith Council. Contact through Rev. Niki. We can set up tables for resource partners including senior center, law enforcement, WCTC, etc.

ITEM 7 Events promoting OASIS Vinny Provenzano

- St. Thomas church to host an information session/discussion with some leaders of OASIS at the end of the month. Contact is Robin Lucas.

ITEM 8 Possibility of juvenile review board

- Susan will discuss next month

ITEM 9 Develop a more effective community events table

- For funds and organizing materials for a new table. Viny will reach out to Sheniequa for assistance on this.

Other Items -- Our policy is that if other items need to be discussed for more than 5 minutes, they will be put on the agenda for our next meeting

Susan Sela 2/18/20

20 FEB 20 PM 3:20
TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Cynthia A. West
TOWN CLERK