



## **TPAUD Coalition Meeting**

January 18, 2023 8:00 am

Trumbull EMS

Attendees: Luci Bango, Sam Cousins, Deirdre Ekholdt, Sue Jacozzi, Victoria O'Neill, Marty Semmel, Dave Rutigliano, Tim Hare, Nicole Hampton, Scot Kerr, Cat Lamy, Ariel Maria, Dennis McLaughlin, Dr. Cornelia Morris, Kiersten Naumann, Joanne Orenstein, Jeff Rago, Melissa Roberto, Dr. Martin Semmel, Brie Seymour, Will Testani, Lara Walden, Acting Chief Andrew Weber

### **1. Introductions**

- a. Guests - Will Testani, Turnbridge

### **2. Partner updates**

- a. Dave Rutigliano - Legislative update. Additional legislation is coming out of committee to limit access and place controls on marijuana (HB5434). Should be coming out of committee for a public hearing sometime in February; Dave chairs the committee. We're beginning to identify bias in the media, referring to "Legacy Market" when it was really illicit drug market.

### **3. Prevention Updates**

- a. NARCAN
  - i. Kiersten is training REACH staff this week
  - ii. St. Joe's reached out for training for chaperones for an upcoming field trip
  - iii. Discussion about training security guards and athletic trainers at THS
- b. Let's Talk Mental Health – "Understanding Youth Gaming: A Guide for Adults" with Dan Trelaro on 2/21 at 7 pm via Zoom
- c. Tashua Wellness Game Night (mental and emotional wellness)
  - i. 100 families; Lots of dads; stations included physical wellness; kindness rock, wellness wheel, Social Emotional Bingo, kindness quilt, gratitude wreath, among others!
  - ii. YAY kids and middle school students were there to help
- d. Launching Seniors - Looking for members of this sub-committee
  - i. Timing? Spring is so busy, but July/August is too late, they are checking out by then.
  - ii. Talk about post-high school support services
  - iii. Build off the older "empowering youth" program

### **4. Coalition Business**

- a. STOP Grant – Competitive grant from SAMHSA that provides up to \$60k per year for 4 years to Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grantees to expand underage drinking prevention. Due 3/3.

### **5. Environmental Scan Report of Tobacco Retailers - Zach Rudich - zacharyrudich10@gmail.com**

- a. Covered 12 convenience stores and gas stations – checked exterior and interior promotions, signage, products carried, product placement, and ID checking practices.
- b. Exterior promotion limited to nicotine, no THC products
- c. We Card signage - 11 of the 12 had both standard and Trumbull signage
- d. Sales /promotions on some tobacco products
- e. Identified 36 ENDS Brands / Flavors. Products included Aeris and Air Bar, disposable nicotine vape sold in kid-friendly flavors

- f. "Deltas" – synthetic THC products derived from CBD or THS
  - i. Stores in town are selling Delta 8 (4 out of 7 gas stations, and the vape shop in Trumbull Town Center)
  - ii. 18 Unique Delta-8 brands plus different flavors were identified, but likely others
  - iii. Packages all say "Delta-8"
  - iv. Delta-10 and other synthetic THC products (all are intoxicants) were also sold in town
  - v. Branded products - Fritos, Skittles, Oreos, Cap'n Crunch, etc. in one retailer
- g. Discussion regarding TPAUD's shifting approach to be more educational rather than enforcement to help store owners stay compliant, before more punitive steps are taken.
- h. There are only 9 licensed adult marijuana businesses in the state
- i. Compliance with ID checking statutes was dependent on individual clerks.
- j. Policy recommendations coming from Zach's observations:
  - i. Compliance checks for adherence to Trumbull ordinance
  - ii. Require ID checking of all buyers, and all IDs scanned
  - iii. Remove product from clear display cases visible to kids
  - iv. Compliance checks to ensure only outlets licensed by the state are selling
  - v. Ban flavors and product look-alikes

**6. Partner Highlight - Trumbull Health Department**

- a. Enforce public health code: restaurants, cosmetology, daycare, septic reviews, pool inspection, recreational water tests
- b. Inspect tobacco, nuisance complaints, hoarding and unsafe housing complaints,
- c. Community Health Department – staffed by Health Educator and Nurse
  - i. Administer vaccinations (1,000 flu vaccines in October, and 12,000 COVID-19 vaccines). Maintain vaccination records database.
  - ii. TB investigations and monitor communicable diseases
  - iii. Health education – blood pressure workshops, breast feeding, TNAC partnership, Summer Camp, Cupcake Wars, community and school events
- d. Emergency Preparedness – began after 9/11, participate in emergency drills
- e. More information can be found through Town website, and Facebook

**7. Closing Business –**

- a. We continue to be on the lookout for a new meeting location. EMS has been wonderful to us, but we're outgrowing it a bit and don't want to wear out our welcome!
- b. Watch out for Later Start Times webinar on 2/13 on zoom

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1/30-2/2 – staff attend CADCA National Leadership Forum
- 2/13 – Later Start Times webinar
- 2/21 – "Understanding Youth Gaming: A Guide for Grown Ups" at 7pm via Zoo

2022-23 Meetings – 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/19, June TBD