

Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting

October 18, 2023

Mission: The Ridgefield Prevention Council supports a safe and healthy environment for all Ridgefield families through awareness, education and positive alternatives to alcohol and other substance use and to reduce high-risk youth behaviors

"Ridgefield Prevention Council meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility."

Members present: Kim Carone, Sarah Lorenzini, Carol Ann Sganga, Bhargavi Ramamurthy

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:16 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September will have to be approved at the next meeting
3. **Treasurer Report:** N/A
4. **Reports/Discussion:**
 - a. **SOR Grant:**
 - Update
 - Bissell said yes to handing out Deterra bags. We've ordered stickers to go on the bags. Sarah will request 50 from WCTC. We'll see how the program goes before we order more.
 - There are 3 Vape Shops nearby. Sarah will see if we can get 10 lock bags per shop to see if they will have them available for customers with young kids. Could possibly put the RPC logo on the bags.
 - Recap
 - Deborah Ann's Ice Cream Event October had about 46 students attend.
 - Need to figure out the best method to text the students about our upcoming events.
 - Kim to speak with Gillian to see if we can utilize the town text system.
 - Possible company Slick Text- costly per month. Maybe this can be paid for with the opioid grant funds.
 - Parent University
 - The event went well. There were about 50 people in attendance. Parents really enjoyed the information that was presented. A survey will be going out to those who attended along with the powerpoint presentations we received. Would like to hold this event in the spring with information based on the survey results. Will consider wraps/sandwiches for the spring event.
 - October
 - Drug Take back day 10/28

- In December we should start to give out to liquor stores in town.

New Business:

Change of November Meeting Date to 11/16 due to Project Resilience event happening. Kim will email the town and see if we can get the room.

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Carone