

SUPP Coalition Meeting: February 21, 2023

Our Mission: Strengthen our communities to support alcohol and drug free youth in Lincoln County.

Attendance: Peter Bruun, Karen-Ann Hagar Smith, Sally Farrell, Rand Maker, Nick Loscocco, Tory Gamage, Drew Himmelstein, Nicole Criss, Jeff Drake, Catherine Sanders, Kelsey Robinson

Minutes:

HLC Director's Report by Kelsey Robinson:

- Brian Townsend was not able to attend the meeting but wanted to share that Amistad received funding from Maine Housing to develop a warming shelter in Wiscasset at St. Phillip's Church. If anyone has questions about this, please reach out to Brian at briant@amistad.org.
- HLC is close to having logic models and workplan items developed for the new district-wide Maine Prevention Network contract. We look forward to sharing that information with you all once it is finalized.
- The first planning meeting for *716 Candles* took place on Thursday, February 23rd at 3pm. As a reminder, *716 Candles* is going to be an international overdose awareness day event on August 31st. We are aiming to do 4 events spread out across the county on that day. For individuals who wish to participate in the planning, please reach out to Peter Bruun at peter@bruunstudios.com.
- NAMI Maine in collaboration with the Maine CDC is offering an exciting training opportunity – **Beyond the Basics in Suicide Prevention**. The training will be held on March 10, 2023 at the August Civic Center. For more information or to register, click here: <https://www.namimaine.org/beyondthebasics>
- Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN) is also offering an exciting event. They are hosting their 2023 Summit on April 12th and 13th at the Samoset Resort. For more information or to register, click here: <https://maineresilience.org/event-5102663>

Song for Charlie:

- Song for Charlie is a national family-run nonprofit charity dedicated to raising awareness about 'fentapills' — fake pills made of fentanyl. They partner with experts, educators, parents and other influencers to reach the most vulnerable group: young people between the ages 13-24. Their programs highlight the emerging dangers of self-medication and casual drug use in the fentanyl era and encourage healthier strategies for coping with stress.
 - Visit their website: <https://www.songforcharlie.org/>
 - One of their recent PSAs: <https://youtu.be/S6Q7JA5g4QU>

Maine Rural Behavioral Health Workforce Center Presentation:

- MCD employees Catherine Sanders and Nicole Criss presented on the Maine Rural Behavioral Health Workforce Center.
- MCD Global Health was one of three awardees that received a three-year grant to expand behavioral health care services in rural Maine through education, training, and mentorship programs. This initiative, known as the Rural Behavioral Health Workforce Center (RBHWC), will:
 - Help bring new workers into the behavioral health workforce;
 - Support early career staff to develop new skills and become eligible for additional certifications; and
 - Offer clinical health providers opportunities to enhance their skill in treatment and intervention for behavioral health disorders, focusing on substance use disorder.
- To learn more about their upcoming events, click here: <https://www.mcd.org/focus-areas/featured-projects/rural-behavioral-health-workforce-center>
- To sign up to receive updates from the RBHWC, click here: <https://bit.ly/RBHC-network>
- To learn more about the Recovery Jobs for Beginners ECHO mentorship, or to sign-up, click here: <https://bit.ly/rjb-echo>

Group Updates:

- Karen-Ann Hagar Smith shared that Medomak Valley High School and Lincoln Academy's [Sources of Strength](#) programs are thriving. NAMI Maine is looking to bring the program to some middle schools in the AOS 93 school district.
- Nick Loscocco shared that Maine OPTIONS is partnering with MaineGeneral to do an HIV and Hepatitis testing in Lincoln County in March. The event will also offer Narcan. Nick will provide updates and a flyer once finalized.
- Rand Maker shared that the Lincoln County Sherriff's Office should have secured funding for the continuation of alcohol retailer compliance checks.

Next Meeting: March 21st at the Wiscasset Community Center or via Zoom.

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