

Resources and Collaboration Council (RACC)

of the Communities United for Substance Abuse Prevention (CUFSAP) Coalition

Mission, Vision, and Structure

Meeting Discussion and Introduction to the Coalition and the Councils (draft for 1/28/09)

Mission:

Working together to develop talents, skills, and potential for adult roles and responsibilities (RACC flyer).

Strategies to achieve this goal:

1. Develop and foster an effective collaboration network that will
 - a. Build upon existing resources,
 - b. Take advantage of resource and grant opportunities needed,
 - c. Contribute to awareness, interest, and involvement by community members,
 - d. Use methods that are applicable to our regional needs and shown to be effective, for the greatest effect.
2. Guide communities toward their vision of positive futures for young people
3. Communicate healthy beliefs and clear standards for behavior at home, at school and in the community
4. Create and foster strong bonds to those who hold healthy beliefs and clear standards in their families, schools and communities. (Strategic Plan – Communities that Care approach)

Structure: The Greater Sullivan County Community Coalition, comprised of an Oversight board, Executive Membership Body, and four councils joins together community members to work together to improve the success of our youth, and young adults. By reducing risk factors, and supporting youth and young adults we are helping them to achieve potential, reduce substance abuse, and we are building our future workforce and our community. The four councils include:

- Resources and Collaboration Council (RACC)- serves as a coordinating council for all four councils
- Voices of Change (youth advisory council)
- Intervention, Screening, and Referral Council

- Enforcement, Judicial, and Rehabilitation Council.

The current work, activities and funding of the coalition and councils is set out in Sullivan County's NH Strategic Prevention Framework Strategic Plan. As this collaboration is developed, it is important to also continually keep in mind sustainment. This is accomplished in part by building a low cost efficient way of working together and also by using a portion of savings, additional funds, and efforts to strengthen and maintain the effective collaboration effort.

Council Actions

- Identify problems
- Decide main actions
- Take stock of what we are doing now
- Choose the programs to implement
- Build youth leadership
- Foster community awareness
- Provide a way for resources, information, training and grant opportunities to be known
- Reduce the cycle of multigenerational substance abuse
- Maximize resources
- Bring additional needed resources to our community
- Become a resource that meets the needs as determined by the community

Role of RACC

- Know the greatest needs and concerns in our community
- Build together effective ways to use resources
- Be part of community initiatives and efforts
- Target and align community effort to bring financial and organizational resources to our area
- Plan and build as a community for the greatest effect

Know about

- Business and workforce development
- Partnerships and options throughout the community
- Youth and young adult development opportunities
- Resources that are available (programs, organizations, and funding)

RACC General Membership – businesses, schools, colleges, training centers, parents, service providers, workforce development organizations (serve as resources and have access to resources) – expectations?

RACC Leadership Group – representatives of the general membership who meet regularly to oversee and drive the work of the Council – expected to attend and participate at meetings, represent the council in the community, serve as coordinators of council projects

RACC Activities Approved and Funded by State Incentive Grant

- Council Development
- Training
- Conference
- Other Programs to be identified by the Council