

SUPP Meeting 1/17/23

Attendance: Michaela Schoeffler, Tory Gamage, Bobby Whear, Peter Bruun, Leigh Perkins, Lance Govang, Brian Townsend, Bobbi Lynn Monegan, Rand Maker, Lydia Craft, Karen-Ann Hagar Smith, Amy Bedard, Kelsey Robinson, Will Matteson

Director's Report Kelsey –

- introduced new Program Assistant Amy Bedard
- looking for additional funds – will put a bid for a 4 year grant to address underage drinking.
- Kelsey will reach out for additional information and thoughts

Will –

- PIT count
 - Annual HUD program around the country
 - Purpose is to try to get working census of folks experiencing homelessness in the country – Will and Jess will be going into the community to take a count and survey of individuals who are experiencing homelessness in Lincoln County.
 - HLC will be a part of the effort and are looking for volunteers, as well as information of any people or any areas experiencing homelessness
 - Will be working on this January 24-27
 - Please contact Will for any people or areas you'd like to share.

Presentation by Peter Bruun –

- New Day Campaign
 - Mission: to use art and story to create spaces where people feel heard, seen, and valued, building self-esteem and building stronger communities.
 - Upbeat experience with the hardness of topic taken on
- International overdose day – August 31st
 - “685 candles” – Lincoln County wide program of four separate events
 - HLC is forming *ad hoc* planning groups – and will expand to other organizations
 - Setting up task forces – please complete survey for your task force interest
- For more information about Peter's projects, and the entirety of his video he presented:
 - <https://bruunstudios.com/>
 - <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/164936105>

Group updates:

- Bobby Whear, community member – went to a panel discussion with David Packhem– Voices of Hope
 - David Has 12 videos will be showing on PBS
 - Voices of hope currently in 22 high schools – most north is Freeport and Bobby is helping in trying to get David up to Lincoln County
 - Would like to see the groups to be targeted to younger than high school (8th grade)
 - Recommended separate meeting for Parents

- Tory – Successfully distributed Narcan kits to major schools and these are available to staff or students!
- Rand, Law Enforcement update – still trying to determine if going to get more money from state to do compliant checks
- Lydia – Maine Recovery Council has started to meet –grant funding process will be coming up and can talk with Lydia when process is brought together
- Karen – Facebook post from local parent complaining about surveys coming into the schools for youth – recommended a virtual or in-person community event/night to interpret the results of the survey and discuss how the data helps to set up programming, and how the results connect to the current programs – suggested community event for those that do not understand the purpose and to interpret data to community.
 - Possibly educate prior to surveys coming out
 - Kelsey talked about setting up zoom meeting or in person meetings with school districts and could be an easy presentation to do – schools are getting ready to do surveys again in 2023, but we can present data from 2022.
- New Business: None
- Something to think about - to email Will or Kelsey if any ideas regarding what do the members of this group want for these meetings? Group speaker, theme, and or a particular topic - would love to hear feedback, please email Will or Kelsey for your ideas!

