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PARTNERING TO REDUCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**Healthy Futures Coalition- Partnering to Reduce Substance Abuse
Boulder County**

Vision: Boulder County is a thriving community of youth and adults making choices not to abuse substances.

Mission: Prevent and reduce youth substance use, adult substance abuse and harmful impacts of the community by collectively mobilizing resources and partnerships throughout Boulder County to create informed and healthy community attitudes towards drugs and alcohol.

Collective Impact: Common agenda; continuous communication; backbone support; mutually-reinforcing activities; shared measurement systems.

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

- 1) Mindfulness exercise
- 2) Introductions & partner updates
- 3) Roundtable discussion on LGBTQI inclusion- ONDCP site
 - Sara shared the importance of examining hiring practices for transgendered folks as well as proactively hiring transgendered folks as an active response to inclusion.
 - HFC had a fruitful roundtable discussion about incorporating the use of pronouns into our introductions as a way to be more inclusive as a coalition.
 - Several HFC members asked for more training so that they can be better educated personally and in turn can use their knowledge to inform their work in the community.
 - Leslie from IHAD talked about their work with intersectionality and working with their students in a more holistic framework.
 - HFC members agreed that there is a need on a national level to have more funding for best practices for LGBTQI prevention.
 - Several HFC members talked about workforce, hiring forms and the importance of language within those forms as a way of being fully inclusive.
 - Discussion around the LGBTQI community as being underemployed and how to create ways to have more of a workforce pipeline supported and funded.
- 4) BCPH- CSAP intern- Ellery Cohn guest presentation- 'An Investigation into Effective Policies to Reduce Alcohol Abuse & Harms'
- 5) Jae gave an update- we have hired two high school students for our HFC youth staff!
 - One is a junior from Natural Highs/New Vista high school & the other is a senior from IHAD/Boulder High School senior.



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- 6) Spread the word! Our second SAMHSA sponsored 2016 Town Hall on Teen Substance Abuse next Tuesday 11/15 5:30-8:00pm- event is free, bilingual open to the public and will be held at Boulder County St. Vrain Hub- 515 Coffman St. Room 112 with free childcare for 3 yrs. and up and dinner will be provided.