

Madison Chatham Coalition Membership Meeting
September 21, 2021 9:30 am *Virtual Zoom Meeting*
Meeting Minutes

9:30-9:35 Meeting called to order

- 1) Allison talks about how and why they chose to have Detective Shannon talk for the meeting. Focusing on different sectors on different meetings.

9:35-10:15 Featured Speaker- Detective Shannon

- Marijuana is now legalized in NJ
- For law enforcement that presented a lot of changes and problems
- Does anyone have any specific questions? (Detective Shannon)
 - The challenges faced? (Len Resto)
- Madison has had a couple of run ins that encountered juveniles that held marijuana. Before there was charges and a process they went through, as of recent, patrol responded to specific locations in town, if they come across juveniles with possession of marijuana – they'll get a warning. If that warning gets in place, they cannot notify the parents. This had changed in March
- Although it is legal now in NJ, we don't have dispensaries that sell regular, legal cannabis
- Does anyone have any other specific questions? (Det. Shannon)
 - What's the difference between marijuana and cannabis? (Len Resto)
- It's the same, but in the bill, they determine the two to be different to put a definition on them. They want it to say marijuana is illegal but cannabis is legal
 - What is the content of the warning that is given? (John Hoover)
- Technically speaking, when teens are warned the first time, the second one your parents are notified, third warning they're sent to program for help with substance use.
 - What circumstances can you actually do a search and can they refuse? (Stacey Ewald)
- If there is an odor of marijuana, we can't even stop them or search them. If there is another commission of a crime, and it leads them to the possession of marijuana, that allows for a search
- One of the goals of legalizing marijuana was to regulate the quality and be available to consumers, no matter the age but theres not quality control yet (Rozella Clyde)
- Can you explain driving under the influence of marijuana? (Stacey Ewald)
 - They still have to perform their duties to the fullest. If someone drives by and you smell the odor of marijuana, that used to be probable cause to stop someone but now you can't, unless theres another infraction (Detective Shannon)
- Allison mentions the time, it's cutting short. Thanks Detective Shannon for coming

10:15-11:15 Allison Updates/Delta-8 Presentation

- Moves along to the Delta 8 presentation. Detective Shannon couldn't stay longer, he could have provided more detailed information.
- Allison shares screen
 - Presents the Delta-8 "Weed Light" Presentation
 - CADCA trainer had done a 3 hour presentation, so much information was given
 - Key points covered will be what we know now
 - Allison explains what Delta-8 is; THC and CBD
 - Delta-8 and Delta-9 are nearly identical

- Delta-8 is very accessible, you can get it in smoke shops also is less expensive and not as taxed as Delta-9
- You will not pass a drug test if you take Delta-8 and is psychoactive
- Methods are gummies, tablets, cartridges, which can be vaped, also flower/bud form which can be smoked
- CDC is concerned about how it's being marketed and misleading labeling
- NJ passed the US Farm Bill legalized hemp
- Next steps for Coalition; finding out the demographics, how/why they're using it, consequences.
- Something to consider is environmental scans
- Studies done on Marijuana and the impact, biggest concern is the potency of thc (pat aussem)
- Any other questions or comments? (Allison)
- Education on what is FDA approved and what is not. It's organizations like MCC to provide those resources to be helpful to parents (Bill Lillis)
- Allison shares information about Teen Task Force; meeting every 2 weeks. Each monthly meeting, they will record and give updates to our MCC meetings
- Elysse, from TTF, recording plays**
 - Introduces herself
 - Talks about initiatives and slogans, and trifold they worked on for tabling events
 - Marijuana facts
 - Shows the trifold
 - Reached out to Chatham Key Club for Bottle Hill Day volunteer recruitment
 - Have discussed how to get more involved with Prescription Take Back Day
 - Video concludes

11:15-11:50 Nixie – Community Engagement

- Following two weekends are busy for events
- Fishawack and Bottle Hill day are coming up, gives both dates and location
- Have sent out sign up sheets in newsletters and reminders
- Multiple time slots available, encourages people to volunteer
- Will send more email on sign ups
- Great opportunity to engage with the community and the teens as they'll all be there
- Allison – had a called with FDU pharmacy and social sciences; expanded their program
 - 2 years ago had a great experience for Knock out opioid abuse day
 - Looking for different opportunities to partner with them
 - Want to offer the TTF to engage with college students
 - Night of conversation is coming up is in November
 - That's when we launched our first podcast
- Christine McIntyre- thanks MCC for having PCP flyers at the events
- Allison – does anyone else want to share any updates?
- No one has any updates – meeting concludes