

Dakota County Coalition to Address Shared Risk & Protective Factors
Wednesday, October 8th, 2025
6 PM, via Microsoft Teams

Attendance: **6 total**

Gipson, Eric

Alyssa Peterson

Cathy Katzenberger

Max Yakovlev

Matt Frank

Jake Phillips

Meeting Notes/Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Community Coalition Specialist (CCS) Eric Gipson discussed the name developed by Dakota County Communications, “Youth Well-being Network” or abbreviated “YWbN”, or “Network” for short, as well as the continued use of “Coalition” being fine.
3. CCS E. Gipson described the two community listening sessions in Burnsville, with the young adult session on September 9th having six registrants yet only five attended, while the parent/caregiver session on September 17th had five parents/caregivers attend. There was also mention of an additional session being planned for November 6th @ Inver Hills Community College to get more young adults to participate and provide essential feedback.
4. CCS E. Gipson continued to encourage members to join him at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) All-Grantee Meeting in St. Cloud on October 22nd & 23rd to learn more about the purpose and work of all grantees required to do this work via coalition building and to also meet and share with members of other similar coalitions. Though no one new has accepted the offer, member Cathy Katzenberger is prepared to make the trip.
5. CCS E. Gipson discussed youth integration avenues for the Network/Coalition as well as developing strategic partners with healthcare providers, to see where there are areas that we can provide resources, training, materials and presentations/education. The Network/Coalition then began to discuss work for October involving ideas for “wellbeing toolkit development” for youth, young adults and parents, as well as local policy scans to see what currently exists and may require amendments after the results from the listening sessions have been analyzed for us. Member Sgt. Max Yakovlev stated that law

enforcement would benefit from having materials and/or QR codes developed to give youth/young adults that they come across in communities, such as mental health/substance use-related information, especially in multiple languages. Member Alyssa Peterson of Canvas Health stated that she can provide Sgt. Yakovlev with 988 materials if wanted, while CCS E. Gipson works to potentially develop something that could be used (possible things that would go in the toolkits). Member Cathy Katzenberger also brought up the idea of developing an app or system that could be placed on iPads/tablets in Farmington schools that would allow youth to indicate in real time concerns about bullying, anxieties and other concerns, obviously making sure that emails to parents about this go out with a description and QR code (if necessary) showing how this would work). Others thought that this would be a great idea, so we will move forward with contact a school district representative to discuss the feasibility of this (unless there is something that already exists).

6. Adjournment