



**LCAHY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
**Bluffton High School Media Center**  
**March 17, 2025**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order 6:07 pm by Jim Berl, Treasurer.

Francine Norz Tobin (Government Agency/14th Solicitor's Office), Dr. Loretta Novince (LCAHY/DFC Grant Consultant/DFC Grant Principal Investigator), Jim Berl (Other Youth Serving Organization), Susie Mauer (Health Professionals), Joy Nelson (Media), David Martin, (Business/Piggly Wiggly), Cheryl Rodriguez (Parent Sector/Bluffton H.S.), Sgt. Lancaster (Law Enforcement/Bluffton Police), Jennifer Weitekamper (Schools/THY Co-Advisor, HHIHS), Jessica Hunt (Schools/THY Advisor, HHP), Cara Vercellone (Civic/Bluffton Rotary), Aviana Stevens (Youth/THY Bluffton H.S.), Claudia Barrientos (Youth/Bluffton H.S. THY), Sara Hill (Youth/THY HHIHS), Darby Linkimer (Youth/HHIHS), Anneliese Germany (Youth/May River HS THY), Adalyn Adersol (Youth/HHP Middle THY), Cheryl Rodriguez (Parent Sector/Bluffton H.S.), Staff: Laura Pirkey (DFC Grant Program Director and Youth Coalition Coordinator); Kathy Brookshire (DFC Co-Grant Coordinator), Ethan Barrera (Annual College Student Intern); Lenora Leslie-Wright (USCB Student Intern), Guests: Dillon Haraburd (Business/IslandSecurity/HHI); MaryLou Haraburd (Business Sector/Realtor).

**Introductions.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from February 2025 meeting. —motion by Francine and seconded by Joy Nelson. Minutes approved.

**Featured Presentation by Dillon Haraburd, Island Security**

**Presentation Overview:** Dillon reported on the following: Minors using fake IDs is a major problem. Police can't tell if an ID is real or fake. Hilton Head Island Security may confiscate 75 fake IDs. Fake IDs are easy to order off the internet. Current legislation does not put large penalties on owning fake IDs in South Carolina. Bar owners are not training their staff to ID properly. Island Security is introducing an ordinance to the Town of Hilton Head to require 2 or more security personnel if the bar is open past 9 am. The program is called RAAM. Island Security is also making NARCAN training available for personnel. He noted that SLED can certify contracted security officers such as the officers who work for Island Security. Also, Island Security has postage space in about 70% of the bars on Hilton Head and would be available to help post signage that the establishment does not sell alcohol to minors. [See link to PPT.](#)

**DFC Support Program Grant/12 Month Action Plan on preventing and reducing access to alcohol by minors:** After Dillon's presentation, Dr. Novince steered the board to the 12 month action plan to prevent and reduce youth alcohol use and noted that LCAHY has a program to provide training for community festival volunteers called "WE ID THE LCAHY WAY" and asked Dylan if his agency could provide training. Dylan said he would look into having Island Security provide TIPS training for community festival volunteers. She also pointed out that another activity in the plan is to reduce youth alcohol use by supporting law enforcement or security patrols on Coligny. Dylan stated that his agency is willing to help with this and to also post signage at establishments.. [See link to activities mentioned above, which are highlighted in blue in the 12 Month Action Plan to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking.](#)

Dr. Novince noted that the DFC Continuation Grant Application for year 9 has been submitted. Our 10 year grant will end in 2027.

## 12-Month Action Plan Updates/Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

**Teens for Healthy Youth:** Laura Pirkey, Youth Coalition Coordinator & DFC Program Director, reminded everyone that April is Alcohol Awareness Month. This overlaps with prom at many of the schools. THY are encouraged to partner with initiatives like Prom Promise to discourage drunk, drugged, or distracted driving during Prom. She also stated that March 17th-March 23rd is National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. The point is to provide facts about the use, misuse, and overdose related to drugs and alcohol. She also repeated that the Teens for Healthy Youth recognition is Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025, at 6 pm at Hilton Head Christian Academy Performing Arts Center. All Board members are invited to attend.

May River High School: THY Member, Anneliese Germany presented. Annelise reported that May River THY kicked off March by handing out stress balls during the SAT exam period. There will be a Q & session with the School SRO and School Nurse for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. She also stated that THY will create skits with the school mascot to be shared on Instagram and student news to educate their peers during National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week.

Hilton Head Island High: THY HHIHS members Darby Linkimer and Sara Hill shared a couple of PSAs for April Alcohol Awareness Month that will be on the student news daily throughout April to educate their peers and staff on the dangers/risks of alcohol use. They also created a bulletin board with THY Facts cards on e-cigarettes, marijuana,

Bluffton High School: Claudia Barrientos and Aviana Stevens Youth presented for BLHS THY. Bluffton High THY's focus has been Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Students completed a THY-made quiz with a chance to win a prize basket sponsored by THY through donations. THY members created videos on teen dating violence that illustrated the importance of establishing healthy boundaries in relationships.

Drug Facts Week Board Activity: Avi and Claudie, Bluffton THY members led the individuals at the board meeting in playing one of NIDA's Kahoot Games on overdosing. Bluffton High is continuing to share LCAHY E-news with all parents via the parent newsletter.

Hilton Head Prep Middle School: Adalyn Adersol presented for HH Prep Middle School THY. THY students at HH Prep held their first meetings in February. They developed a project to promote Random Acts of Kindness by creating positive messages and posting them on student lockers. They hoped to create awareness for THY and get more students involved.

**Community Business Compliance Recognition Cling:-** THY member, Claudia Barrientos, presented the revised cling for businesses that do not sell vaping products to minors. Claudia shared that the LCAHY logo and THY logo were more prominently displayed compared to the original design and that the QR code on the cling takes you directly to vaping information on LCAHY's website. Claudia asked the board for feedback. LCAHY is still completing an environmental scan of vape stores in Hilton Head.

### **Sector/Community Outreach:**

Community Outreach Opportunities: Susie announced that on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Bluffton Library will host a Non-Profit Fair. She asked for Board volunteers to assist her in staffing the LCAHY information table.

Parent Sector/123 Driving School Project: Cheryl Rodriguez, parent sector representative, presented that 123 Drive (Local Driving School) owner Doreen Haughton-James met with Dr. Novice and herself at the LCAHY office. Doreen is willing to provide LCAHY's safe driving messaging to parents who register their children for driving school. She also suggested that each THY group at the area highschools create a video that addresses the underage drinking laws.

Intern, Ethan Barrera, presented a rough draft of what Doreen had proposed, a quick info sheet addressing consequences to parents and teens regarding underage drinking, that will include consequences of hosting parties/events where alcohol is served to minors. It was suggested that we try to get this info sheet to the next mandatory prom meeting and to liquor stores.

**Social Host Laws Amendment:** Dr. Novince presented on behalf of Pastor Lawson. At the February Board meeting, he mentioned that there was an interest in including all illegal drugs in the SC Social Host Ordinance, not just marijuana.

**Environmental Scan of Vape Shops:** Laura presented that Ellen Andreoletti, David Martin, and Wendy Cummings conducted a series of scans and Board members are needed to conduct the additional scans. David Martin reported his observations and stated the following: some shops were very open to the scan; there was no signage in Spanish; and there were no sexually inappropriate products/signage visible in shops so it may be okay for students to scan the shops; and that many of the staff in vape shops were young.

**Other Year 8 DFC 12-Month Action Plan Updates:** Dr. Novince announced that Mary Lou Haraburd, who had been a member of the LCAHY steering committee during its organizational period created the original signage on not serving minors that was posted at festivals. She further noted that she had reached out to Mary Lou, a realtor, asking if she would assist with promoting the distribution of the Seller /Realtor fact cards- to educate sellers of homes to remove prescription drugs from access to buyers looking at homes for sales.

**USCB Intern/Project Update:** Lenora Leslie Wright, who has been employed as a pharmacy tech at Hilton Head Hospital for the past eleven years, suggested that telehealth companies in home health care give patient education about keeping medications out of reach of those who should not have access.

**Fund Development:**

May Day 5K, NEW DATE: Saturday, May 24, 2025 @ Martin Family Park in Bluffton. Jim presented on behalf of Wendy and stressed that we can only have one hospital sponsoring the race. It was noted that the May Day 5K information still needs to be uploaded on Rob's race website. Joy Nelson announced that she started a Linked in Page for LCAHY. She can solicit businesses for sponsorship for May day 5K.

**Old Business**

**Officer Elections:** Francine announced the procedures for nomination of LCAHY 2025-2026 Officers. Nominations can be emailed to Wendy or taken from the floor at the April meeting. At the May 2025 meeting, the Board will vote on officers based on nominations.

**LCAHY New Business:**

**Bylaws** – Francine presented the recommended changes, which were redlined to reflect proposed edits to Bylaws that had been previously emailed to Board members. [See Bylaws edits here](#). Jim Berl stated that he would submit further changes to the Treasurer's role description to reflect his role due to having a fiscal agent for the DFC Grant. Dr. Novince noted that a correction is in order for an edit made to Board membership and that for the purpose of the DFC grant, the original Board Membership statement remains. We did not have a 50% quorum; therefore a vote on Bylaw changes was postponed. Francine suggested changing the 50% quorum requirement to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Board members.

**DFC Grant Year 8 In-kind Support Documentation** - Laura reminded everyone to document their in-kind hours.

**Adjournment at 8:05 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Francine Norz Tobin  
Recording Secretary

**Board Meeting Dates:**

April 21st, 2025 - Hilton Head High Media Center 6 pm.  
May 12th, 2025—Bluffton High School 6 pm