



**Napa City Team Meeting
Catalyst Coalition
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
3:30-4:30 pm
NVUSD Administrative Building, 2425 Jefferson Street, Napa
Room 207**

PRESENT: Lisa Toller, Celeste Fuller, Jessica Equihua, Julie Lovie, Kathryn Tolman, Maria Ruiz, Jaime Aleman, Debbie Peecook

1. Marijuana Update

- a. Lisa Toller presented the following information
 - i. The Napa city council moved unanimously to extend to a full year the 45-day urgency moratorium ordinance passed last month to suspend the process of approving medical pot providers.
 - ii. A position paper on medical marijuana was presented by Ms. Toller at the Napa City Council meeting.
 - iii. There has been a federal crackdown on California dispensaries and a court decision essentially overturning a pot ordinance in Long Beach.
 - iv. Over 130 medical marijuana dispensaries have been shut down.

2. Marijuana Prevention Planning

- a. Lisa Toller presented the Marijuana Logic Model which will be used to develop a marijuana prevention plan for Napa.
 - i. One way to take action would be writing an ordinance that bans dispensaries.
 - ii. A medical marijuana dispensary in Napa is unnecessary because medical marijuana dispensaries are located nearby in surrounding counties and some of these dispensaries provide home delivery.
- b. There are many problems associated with marijuana use among youth in Napa. These include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Youth are using marijuana and there is a low perception of harm.
 - 2. Marijuana can be grown at home and is often produced in large quantities.
 - 3. Some parent's approve of their children using marijuana and may also be using it themselves.
 - 4. Marijuana is easily accessible to youth.
 - 5. Parents and teens alike are not aware of the risks and health problems associated with marijuana use.
- c. Local Causes/Strategies for Change
 - i. Lisa stated that we need to base all strategies for change on, "real facts".
 - ii. The CHKS (California Healthy Kids Survey) is a useful resource which can provide us with data about marijuana use among youth.
 - 1. 7, 9, and 11th graders are surveyed across the state
 - 2. We have data from 2003 to 2009
 - 3. The data collected through the CHKS has found that 27% of 11th graders have used marijuana in the last 30 days and that there is a low perception of harm (in regards to marijuana use).

- iii. One of the reasons marijuana use may be occurring in Napa is because of our connection to large urban areas.
- iv. Jamie Aleman stated that, “growing marijuana in closets or storage is common in Napa”.
- v. Lisa suggested that we can look at stores that sell hydroponic equipment to find out about their sales.
- vi. Julie Lovie stated that a problem in regards to marijuana use among youth in Napa could be that, “there is easy access to marijuana in surrounding areas like Berkeley”.
- vii. Lisa suggested that we could look into promoting a law that would prevent anyone under the age of 18 from purchasing hydroponic equipment which is used to grow marijuana.
- viii. Julie Lovie presented the idea of creating stricter limits on growing certain amounts of marijuana plants.
- ix. Debbie Peecook states that a law regarding hydroponic equipment would be difficult to enforce.
 - 1. There is a problem with the municipal code regarding hydroponic equipment. It is impossible to investigate or enforce.
- x. Lisa suggests an education campaign for local shop owners in lieu of a law regarding hydroponic equipment which would be difficult to enforce.
- xi. Debbie Peecook presents additional information
 - 1. Prop. 215 complicates things.
 - 2. There is currently a 10 month moratorium on marijuana dispensaries in Napa.
 - 3. 30 plants can be grown per person at a time. Every 5ft. plant equals 1lb. of marijuana.
 - 4. There is a great deal of marijuana that is simply grown and given away.
 - 5. Law enforcement is inconsistent but youth are given a citation if they are found in possession of marijuana.
 - 6. A cite and release is given if the marijuana found is under an ounce for youth.
 - 7. Marijuana use among youth is treated as infraction by the courts and many are enrolled in Tony’s diversion program which is highly successful.
 - 8. If youth are found selling marijuana they are often sent to juvenile hall.
 - 9. K2/ Spice are not a large problem in Napa. It is more common to see ecstasy and marijuana being used together.
 - 10. There is a zero tolerance policy for marijuana use in the schools and school enforcement is strong.
 - 11. There have been cases of marijuana use among elementary school students.
 - 12. The walkway from Jefferson to the tennis court is a hot spot for marijuana use by Napa High School students.
 - 13. At Vintage High School marijuana use occurs near the farm.
- xii. We need to support marijuana prevention on middle and high school campuses.
 - 1. Nobody thinks of marijuana as bad.
 - 2. Obtaining a medical marijuana card is easy and relatively inexpensive.
 - 3. There are more carcinogens in marijuana now than there was in the 1960s.
 - 4. When you smoke marijuana it is over 120 degrees and that can damage your lungs.
 - 5. Marijuana is psychologically addicting.
- xiii. Kathryn Tolman states that
 - 1. The rationale is incredibly persistent that it is not addictive.
 - 2. We need to educate the community about marijuana.

3. Catalyst Coalition Campaign to Encourage Pediatricians to Screen Youth for Drug and Alcohol Use

- i. The Catalyst Coalition has started a campaign in partnership with the Queen of the Valley Medical Center to encourage doctors to screen all of their young patients for

- alcohol use, starting in middle school.
- ii. This campaign also provides materials for parents on how to talk to their children about alcohol and drug use.

4. Taking Action/ Advocating for Change

- i. We need to make sure that smoke shops are abiding by their building codes.
- ii. Smoke shop advertising needs to be monitored.
- iii. Is the advertising by smoke shops in Napa Valley Life appropriate?
- iv. The Napa Valley Marijuana Growers Association is recognized as a member of the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce. Can we change this?

5. Next Meeting: January 18th 3:00-4:00 PM at the NVUSD Administrative Building Room 207