

The Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership is a group of committed public, private, and religious organizations and concerned individuals whose goals are to develop an awareness of and devise solutions to the alcohol and substance abuse problems and other high-risk behaviors among youth in our community. The partnership meets and works to strengthen the coalition and implement prevention and intervention strategies through community collaboration. Our goal is to prevent the use and reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and its negative effects on children and families. In order to achieve these goals, we advocate for healthy and productive lifestyles and respect for the diverse needs of the Throggs Neck community.

**TNCAP Monthly Meeting Minutes-  
September 14, 12 Noon – 2:00 pm**

In-Person Meeting at

Fort Schuyler First Presbyterian Church

*Minutes submitted by: Dawn Rodriguez-Insanalli*

<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY/ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>
Dawn Rodriguez-Insanalli	<i>ADAPP SA Prevention</i>	
Brittany Harris	<i>ADAPP SA Prevention</i>	
Patrick Caruso	<i>Community Board 10</i>	
Lakiema Alexander	<i>P&amp;J Beacon</i>	(Youth Serving Organization)
Felicia Mitchell	<i>P &amp; J Beacon</i>	(Youth Serving Organization)
Guillermo Flores	<i>NYC Smoke-Free</i>	(State Government)
Kristen Harty	<i>SAPIS</i>	(School)
Sherrill Cropper	<i>Throggs Neck Merchants Association</i>	(Business Organization)
Millie Stone	<i>Fort Schuyler Presbyterian Church</i>	(Religious)
Stephanie Rodriguez	<i>Rep for: Councilwoman Marjorie Velazquez</i>	(Government)
Venus Moore	<i>NY Problem Gambling</i>	(SA Prevention Organization)
SSG Oscar Ponce	<i>NY National Guard Counter Drug Task Force</i>	(SA Prevention Organization)
Susan Vairo	<i>NYC Dept of Education</i>	(School)
Peter DelDebbio	<i>American Legion</i>	(Fraternal Organization)
Nanor Arakelian	<i>NYC PRC SA Prevention</i>	
Teresa Wong	<i>Parent Coordinator MS 101</i>	(Education/School)
Suzette DiCecco	<i>PS 14</i>	(Education/School)
Lisa Schiliro	<i>Parent Coordinator, PS 304</i>	(Education/School)
Greta Ratjen, Principal	<i>Principal, PS 72</i>	(Education/School)
Veronica Brugeman	<i>Parent Coordinator, PS 72</i>	(Education/School)
<b>ABSENT</b>		
Christine Cavallucci	<i>ADAPP SA Prevention</i>	

Officer Vargas	<i>NYPD 45<sup>th</sup> Pct.</i>	(Law Enforcement)
SSG Christina Barnes	<i>NY National Guard Counter Drug Task Force</i>	(SA Prevention Organization)
SSG Jonathan Pichardo	<i>NY National Guard Counter Drug Task Force</i>	(SA Prevention Organization)
Leida Velazquez	<i>Throggs Neck Public Library</i>	
David You	<i>NY National Guard Counter Drug Task Force</i>	(SA Prevention Organization)
Milo Ward	<i>NYC PRC SA Prevention</i>	
Edwin Scott	<i>P&amp;J Beacon</i>	(Youth Serving Organization)
Sr. Patricia Warner	<i>Preston Center for Compassion</i>	(Religious)
Rhonda Morris Devlin	<i>Retired Police Officer/Former Liaison 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct</i>	
Silvia Hernandez		
Betty Williams		
Luis Abramson	<i>Cultivating Healing and Justice Initiative Support Services Inc. (CHJI)</i>	
Robert Spencer	<i>Office of Bronx DA</i>	(Law Enforcement)
Dawn Morello	<i>First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck</i>	(Religious)
Chevar Francis	<i>NYC PRC SA Prevention</i>	
Ronni Katz	<i>NYC PRC SA Prevention</i>	
Alcee James	<i>NYC PRC SA Prevention</i>	

### **Introductions from all members**

Welcome, and introductions of all the members were led by Patrick Caruso.

**Christine Cavallucci:** submitted comments to the Office of Cannabis Management on behalf of TNCAP regarding concerns about the application for licensing, identifying provisions about prevention of marketing to minors, minimum of 500 feet distance from schools, houses of worship, signage display, public access to identify dispensary locations, and alerts when licenses are approved.

**Patrick Caruso:** Reviewed and updated the members on the Liquor-to-Go, NYS Policy. Discussed the community impact of the Marijuana Licensing Process

**Greta Ratjen:** Greta is the principal of PS 72 and is a new member of TNCAP. Greta presented information about PS 72 and how she would like the school, students, and parents to increase their community engagement activities. She looks forward to being a member of future TNCAP meetings and participating in TNCAP community activities whenever possible. Her goal is to also increase parent participation in the school's initiatives and events.

**SSG Oscar Ponce:** gave a brief update on the next steps for the Environmental Scan project. Recommendations include identifying students of the 10465 community and getting their feedback about how they view the marketing of substances in local businesses. Members are needed to participate in this next phase in order to complete this task.

**Dawn Insanalli:** Another request was made for members to volunteer to attend the Merchant Association Farmer's Market events. The next two dates for TNCAP would be September 20 and October 4 from 4 pm – 7 pm at Preston HS. This year only Teresa Wong volunteered to attend two of the initial five scheduled dates that Dawn and Brittany have signed up for on behalf of TNCAP.

**TNCAP t-shirts** were distributed at the meeting.

**Regarding future TNCAP meetings:** A google doc survey will be distributed to the members to seek feedback on locations for future in-person meetings. This discussion will continue at the next meeting in October based on feedback from the members.

**Dawn Insanalli:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 12 Noon location TBD.