**Oak Harbor Youth Coalition**

Organizational Structure

**MISSION**

Through advocacy, awareness and action, we will foster an inclusive community culture   
that strengthens families, reduces substance misuse/abuse, and promotes physical,   
mental and emotional wellness.

**VISION**

Healthy youth, empowered by community.

***The Oak Harbor Youth Coalition (OHYC) is a diverse group of local volunteers working toward   
the common goal of preventing substance abuse and other unhealthy or high-risk behaviors   
among youth in our community.***

Membership Structure

* The Coalition shall consist of twenty (20) voting members\*
* Eligible members must live, work or attend (or have children who attend) school in the Oak Harbor community
* Membership is obtained via application and approval by majority vote of the board
  + *Applications may be submitted after attending at least two meetings*
* Adult members serve 3-year terms (beginning on date of appointment)
* Youth/Student members serve 2-year terms (beginning on date of appointment)
* The board must contain representation from at least eight of the following community sectors
* Parents
* Youth
* State/local/tribal/military/other government representatives
* Schools
* Media
* Chemical dependency treatment providers
* Mental health service providers
* Religious/fraternal organizations
* Law enforcement
* Business community
* Civic/volunteer groups
* Healthcare professionals
* Youth-serving organizations
* Diversity Champions  
    
  *\*OHYC reserves the right to approve additional members*

Membership Expectations

* Coalition members are expected to:
  + Attend and actively participate in Coalition meetings, small work groups, trainings and other community activities as needed
  + Provide feedback in the assessment of community needs
  + Share resources and expertise at Coalition meetings
  + Represent the Coalition’s ideals and values when out in the community
  + Stay educated about issues related to youth substance abuse and Prevention Science
  + Be open to and welcome diverse community input and opinions
  + Support the long-term changes the Coalition is striving to create in the community
* Members with potential conflict of interest on a specific issue will recuse themselves from voting
* Coalition may vote to terminate membership if a member misses three consecutive meetings without explanation
* Guests and staff are welcome to participate in group discussion, but only approved board members may vote on agenda issues

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* Coalition members will appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chair as needed (“Leadership Committee”)
* Leadership Committee will meet prior to each regular meeting to review & approve draft agenda
* The board may form or disband small work groups and/or sub-committees as needed
* Guests and staff are welcome to participate in group discussion, but only approved board members may vote on agenda issues
* All Coalition decisions are made by majority consensus of the voting membership
* Quorum = 50% of membership
* Majority = 50%+ of members present at meeting

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