



Advisory Board

February 26, 2020

OUR MISSION

Reading Coalition's mission is to strategically address our substance abuse problem that local youth abuse alcohol, prescription drugs, tobacco, and other illegal drugs at unacceptably high rates that emerge early in adolescence, happen frequently, and indicate heavy use. To realize our mission, we will promote a healthy community environment using the strategic prevention framework to ensure everyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Reading can enjoy an optimum quality of life."

ABOUT OUR BOARD

The **Advisory Board** is made up of stakeholders, appointed by the Coalition Director, from our community and region that serve in an advisory capacity to:

- Exchange and share information that will enhance our community approach to substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion.
- Supply Reading Coalition staff with feedback on activities, projects and emerging initiatives.
- Spread the word about coalition resources and events

SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to David Clark for his recent confirmation as Chief of Police! Chief Clark has been a longstanding supporter of the coalition. We look forward to continued collaboration!

MEETING FOCUS

1. Vaping Prevention Update by Sammy Salkin, SRO Brian Lewis and SRO Matt Vatcher
2. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Follow-up Overview by Sammy Salkin
3. Coalition Long-term Impact by Erica McNamara

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parent University on Saturday March 28, 2020 at RMHS PAC
 - Substance Abuse Recovery & Parenting (Sammy Salkin and Abby Goodemote, tentative)
 - Vaping Prevention & Intervention (Sammy Salkin and Kathleen O'Leary)
- New Resident Open House on Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 5:30pm at Reading Public Library
- ArtsFest featuring Lydia Freeman's Green Ribbon Project on April 13 and 14 at RMHS

NEXT MEETING DATE

See you on March 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.!