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Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition Introduces Christopher Colleran, Project Coordinator

Cohasset MA, March 14, 2018…..In October 2017, the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition (SHCC) was awarded a $625,000 five year federal grant to continue and expand its substance use prevention efforts. A joint venture between the Town of Cohasset and the SHCC, the Drug-Free Communities Grant made provisions for two professionally trained staff members to support the coalition’s mission to educate students and parents about the impact of substances on adolescents. Christopher Colleran was selected as Project Coordinator after a thorough interview process by SHCC Steering committee members, Chris Senior, Town Manager and Lisa Ugliaro, HR Director.

Chris possess more than 5 years of experience as a program coordinator and comes with ideal credentials. He completed his undergraduate degree, Summa Cum Laude, in 2011 at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth with a BA in Psychology. Currently, Chris is on track to confer a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, Spring 2019. A native to the South Shore and a resident of Weymouth, MA, Chris has served as the Director of Communications on local political campaigns and has continuously worked within the fast-paced field of medical research. Chris has coordinated activities for over 15 different grant-funded studies and has specialized in volunteer outreach, qualitative data analysis, and study design management.

Both Nicole Garrity, Program Director of the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition, and Chris Murphy, the Chair and Co-founder of the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition, are ecstatic to have Chris Colleran on board. Nicole stated that, “Chris is an excellent addition to the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition Staff. In just the few short weeks he’s been with us, his passion to make an impact through prevention has been evident. He is a well-spoken, driven, and intelligent individual that will make a difference in the Cohasset community.” She further stated that the Steering Committee is thrilled to have hired a Project Coordinator with relationship-building experience and someone who exhibits a desire to enhance Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition.

Chris will be present at the Town’s Recreational Marijuana Educational forum, alongside other SHCC members, where Nicole will present “The Effects of Marijuana on the Adolescent Brain”. The forum will take place on March 22nd at Willcut Commons, 91 Sohier Street. You are invited to come and learn about THC Commercialization and the Retail Marijuana Industry so you will be informed to make a decision at the April 30th Annual Town Meeting. Safe Harbor will also have a significant presence at the Health and Recreation Fair at Deerhill on 3/25 – Hidden in Plain Sight Demonstration and with a hands-on, Weeding Through the Myths.

About Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition
Since July 2014, Safe Harbor Cohasset has been working to promote awareness and implement resources to help make an impact on the substance abuse in the community. Founded by Christine Murphy who is also president of the Social Service League of Cohasset, the group has over 60 founding members from across the spectrum in the community, including town and school leaders, teachers, nurses, parents, clergy, police and fire personnel, as well as concerned citizens.

Since then, the group has worked to foster a strong and inclusive community that encourages healthy, educated and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use. The mission is supported by evidenced based, prevention focused, sustainable policies and programs. To learn more, and to find resources for both parents and teens, visit the Safe Harbor website at safeharborcohasset.org. Keep up to date on the latest news and trends by following Safe Harbor on Facebook at www.facebook.com/safeharborcohasset and on Twitter @cohsafeharbor.