

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Thursday, July 1, 2010

Present: Kara Showers, Ruth Clay, Janet Nevin, Karen Andrews, Maureen Buzby, Eileen Dern, Kathy Harlow, Trisha Keane, Donna Macdonald, Allen Swartz, Beth Horne. **Total Attendees:11.**

**Sectors represented:** Parents, Business community, Clergy, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies, Other organizations.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations).
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting: **Thursday August 5, 2010 – 9:00-10:00 am, Mayor’s Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Melrose City Hall.**

\*\*\*\*Please note: Meeting time and location change – Summer Meeting schedule. \*\*\*\*

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions -Kara	-Role Assignments	-Sign in sheet (Ruth), Table Tents (Donna), Latecomers (Maureen), Minutes (Janet). Maureen pointed out that we might want to refer to her assignment as “ <i>Greeting Latecomers</i> ” – so noted.
Coalition Business - Janet	-June 3 <sup>rd</sup> minutes  <b>-SPOTLIGHT!!</b>  -AT Updates  -Training Calendar  -Articles of Interest  -Announcement	-Approved, as written. Minutes actually omitted from packet, by accident, but members had received electronic copies in advance of meeting.  <b>-On Karen Andrews!!! Karen, who joined the MSAPC after attending our GGC series, has jumped in with both feet, as an active participant at Coalition meetings, as well as with our Policy Action Team. Her “real job”, working in the community with Hallmark Health, allows her to utilize the talents and expertise which make her such an asset to <i>our</i> organization. Thanks, Karen! We appreciate all that you do!!</b>  -In packet. Donna notes that it’s great that Coalition has been receiving copies of police warning letters sent as a result of Social Host infractions.  -In packet.  -In packet. Melrose Free Press article on alcohol compliance checks – 100% compliance rate (all 8 stores and restaurants visited)!!  <b>Next meeting: <u>Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00-10:00 am, Mayor’s Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall.</u> In light of interest expressed by membership, 15-minute SAP training will be included in this meeting.</b>

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		<p><b><u>Also note:</u> August is last summer meeting – we will resume first Thursdays beginning in September at Central Administration, MHS.</b></p>
<p>Coalition Name/Vision/Mission Tagline -Kara</p>	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Kara opened up discussion with group on whether we might be interested in revisiting our name/mission/vision statement in order to broaden our focus and open up more potential grant-funding opportunities (as we approach end of 4<sup>th</sup> year of 5 year DFC grant).</p> <p>-Several Coalition members weighed-in with comments.</p> <p>→Maureen B. talks about how it may be better to stay with our more narrow focus, as opposed to opening up to other more broad initiatives. Would people know our mission if we abbreviated name to Melrose Prevention Coalition?</p> <p>→Eileen suggests one of the reasons we’ve been so successful despite budget cuts may be that we’ve been very clear with our vision – community more likely to get “attached”. Look at community data.</p> <p>→Allen and Ruth both comment on collaboration with other community organizations (Community Coalition/MAAV/Human Rights Commission?) for grant opportunities. Allen points out that our mission statement wording indicates bettering quality of life for ALL in community (not just focusing on youth and prevention efforts). May want to look at “pocket groups”/populations.</p> <p>→Kara talks about MassChip training (free public health database).</p> <p>-Based on discussions and suggestions made at meeting, Kara to incorporate a couple of simple wording changes into current mission/vision statement and send out to working group for additions/deletions. Then plan to present to group again in August before further dissemination to Coalition contact list.</p>



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		-Regionalization of meetings also discussed for coordination of resources and best practices/potential grant opportunities through large foundations: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for example.
Networking and Adjournment		-Informal Networking -Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.