

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, August 7th, 2009

<p>Guiding Good Choices -Donna V.</p>	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Update on Donna M – recovering @ home after arthroscopic surgery. Speedy recovery, Donna!</p> <p>-Received \$500 Eastern Bank community grant to help cover Fall GGC facilitator stipends.</p> <p>-Tentative teams of facilitators for Fall sessions set.</p> <p>-Pre/post survey data entered and analyzed.</p> <p>-Members asked for assistance in finding location for Fall GGC sessions, starting early October and running for 5 weeks. Lots of input from membership. Donna V. will pass along to Donna M.</p> <p>-Find location and set up Best Practice meeting and Tech training.</p>
<p>Policy Action Team -Kara (local) Paula (state)</p>	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Local: Marijuana public consumption ordinance (\$300 fine for those caught with under an ounce) slated to be presented to Aldermen in August, although it has been tabled in past.</p> <p>-Update on non-compliant businesses (underage serving) – Five businesses issued warning letters by Liquor Licensing Commission.</p> <p>-Kara met with Cambridge Prevention Coalition in July to discuss “21 Proof” program (enclosed with this packet is a Memorandum of Understanding we have entered into with CPC).</p> <p>-Some discussion around how Melrose LLC will interact with Cambridge organization. Kara will contact Gisela Rots at CPC.</p> <p>-State: Paula to reach out to regional Coalition coordinators related to involvement in state policy issues in order to create economies of scale/stronger base of power.</p>
<p>Other Business -Janet</p>	<p>-Upcoming Trainings</p> <p>-Action Team Updates</p> <p>-Articles of Interest</p> <p>-Victorian Fair</p>	<p>-In packet. Slim pickings this time of year. Expect more events/workshops upcoming.</p> <p>-In packet. Includes School Action Team/Sports Orgs/Youth Action Team.</p> <p>-In packet (“iPhone App helps Marijuana Users Find Drug” and “Roadside Driver Checks Reveal Less Drinking, More Evidence of Drug Use” from JoinTogether.</p> <p>-Will be sending out an email recruiting volunteers for booth at Sept. 13th Victorian Fair.</p>
<p>Announcements -Kara</p>	<p>-SPOTLIGHT!!</p>	<p>-On Tom Brow!! Although he’s on vacation, we wish to publicly thank Melrose Veteran’s Memorial Middle School principal Tom Brow for his continuing support of the MSAPC. This year he included Kara and the YAT in the school’s annual Drug and Alcohol Summit, supported efforts by YAT to get Media Literacy into elementary schools and even helped in</p>

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		<p>recruiting our newest YAT member, Natalie Emerson! We are grateful for your partnership and thank you, Tom, for all that you do for the students of our community!</p> <p><u>-Monday, September 14th, 2009 – 8:30-9:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration – Paula Kelly will lead meeting.</u></p> <p>***Please note: MONDAY meeting – and we are back to school year location.***</p>
<p>Community Concern/Open Forum</p> <p>-Say something out loud or put it on paper!*</p>	<p>-Kara</p> <p>-Ruth</p> <p>-Maureen B.</p> <p>-MaryBeth</p> <p>-MB/Ruth/Eileen</p>	<p>-*Will leave sheets at each seat at future meetings, in case anyone has a issue of concern to bring up, which they would prefer to do anonymously.</p> <p>-Reports that the MPD will be doing a series of drug presentations for parents/community through the schools, starting in October. John Ross/Chuck Byrne to be involved.</p> <p>-NEC4HC will be presenting results of 2009 YRBS to school committee in September. Alcohol stats, particularly, seem to be going in the right direction!</p> <p>-TODAY Show had segment on drinking and stay-at-home Moms (currently a Hot Topic).</p> <p>-Suggested we send Thank You to Nancy Madden, who is stepping down from YMCA and involvement with Coalition.</p> <p>-Happy to hear that Police will formally appoint a representative for our PAT.</p> <p>-Had a policy question related to new substance abuse section in MHS handbook as to whether or not “in the presence of...” to be applied to ALL students, not just athletes so that all are on same page.</p> <p>-Had some discussion related to RX “take back” programs. Talked about expense/police involvement/state and federal laws about disposal. Eileen will bring issues we discussed to hospital.</p>
<p>Networking and Adjournment</p>		<p>-Informal networking.</p> <p>-Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.</p>