

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Thursday, June 3, 2010

Present: Kara Showers, Ruth Clay, Janet Nevin, Karen Andrews, Maureen Beecy, Charlie Ciccone, Diane Ely, Susan Federico, Andrea Fountain, Kathy Harlow, Trisha Keane, Donna Macdonald, Mary Beth Margolis, Michael Plumer, John Ross, Emma Svoboda, Allen Swartz, Anna Tramontozzi, Cornelia Walsh. **Total Attendees:19.**

**Sectors represented:** Youth, Parents, Business community, Media, Schools, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies, Other organizations.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations).
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting: **Thursday, July 1, 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), Handouts (Cornelia).  -Kara announced that today’s Coalition meeting would be shortened, as Peg Sallade and FY’11 Strategic Planning Session to follow.
Coalition Business - Kara	-May 6 <sup>th</sup> minutes  <b>-SPOTLIGHT!!</b>  -AT Updates  -Training Calendar  -Articles of Interest	-Approved, as written – another Thank You to Donna and Maureen Buzby, who took minutes in Janet’s absence.  <b>-On our intrepid teen leaders, Emma Svoboda &amp; Anna Tramontozzi!!! You girls have done a great job this year, particularly with the Environmental Scanning assignment. Their involvement included presenting to the Parks Commission, which resulted in direct action by commission to reduce risky behaviors at reported “hot spots”. BRAVO, girls!! Glad we’ll have you on board again next year!</b>  -In packet.  -In packet.  -Framingham-based TJX Companies (T.J. Maxx) pulls drinking games from shelves. Info about State House Advocacy Day in support of Opposing Repeal of the Alcohol Tax.

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	-Announcement	<p><b><u>Summer meetings: To be held at City Hall, Mayor’s Conference Room on Thursday, July 1st and Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Please note time and location change.</u></b></p> <p><b>Note: In light of interest expressed by membership, 15-minute SAP trainings will be a part of these meetings!</b></p>
Sports Orgs Action Team -Trisha	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Contact made with Melrose National Little League and Babe Ruth baseball leagues.</p> <p>-Trisha is pleased to report that this year, under leadership of Frank Sorrenti, there was a format change at the annual end-of-season banquet for Melrose Youth Hockey – <b>no alcohol was served!!</b> This is a big accomplishment and was actually the reason Trisha got involved with the Coalition! We all (especially Trisha and Frank) deserve a round of applause.</p> <p>-It was agreed that Coalition will send an “official” thank you note to Frank (signed by Kara, Janet and Trisha.)</p> <p>-Resource materials will be assembled to be distributed to Melrose National LL/Babe Ruth baseball in coming weeks.</p>
School Action Team – Kara (in Jan’s absence)	-Current Efforts	<p>-Much discussion centered around how we wish to proceed as a Coalition related to Jan’s efforts in researching K-12 health prevention curriculum (and subsequent implementation) in the Melrose Public Schools. What constituency should lead the charge?</p> <p>-Talked about the history of need for an accredited, comprehensive program – at present, inconsistent curriculum being taught at <i>some</i> of the schools; nothing happening at others.</p> <p>-Jan has had many meetings, since the Fall, with variety of school stakeholders. Lots of buy in but concerns include “time and learning”/reluctance to change/timeline involved. All agree that this will be a long term process and that we need to take a broad approach.</p> <p>-Money appears to be available (~\$20K needed) for K-12 change, and with state anti-bullying legislation and healthcare reform laws, grant money opportunities are widening (especially using Prevention/ Public Health approach). Elementary school Pilot would cost ~ \$5K.</p> <p>-The two models being investigated at present are Michigan Model and HealthWave (may</p>

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	<p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>be broadened when and if educator/advisory group is put together).</p> <p>-Mary Beth, Kara and Jan to craft a letter to be sent to Education Chair of School Committee and Superintendent addressing bullying issue vis a vis curriculum and to suggest moving up timeline for a K-12 Health curriculum review to September 2010, with hopes of rolling out a pilot program in one of the elementary schools by following year.</p> <p>-We should find our when Safe and Drug-Free Schools grant money opportunities will be widened, as a talking point in letter.</p> <p>-Peg Sallade speaks to a broader approach related to school climate: Once we help move curriculum review timeline dates, we can offer assistance/resources. Once need has been created, we help to build capacity. Curriculum consistency is key.</p> <p>-<u>Upcoming meetings</u>: School Health Advisory Committee (June 7<sup>th</sup>), School Committee (June 8<sup>th</sup>), Curriculum Council (June 10<sup>th</sup>).</p>
<p>Coalition Photo</p>		<p><b>-SAY CHEESE!! All members put on their brightest smiles for a Coalition shot (to be used for Annual Report, among other things). Thanks to Peg Sallade for making us look good!</b></p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Regular meeting adjourned, followed immediately by FY'11 Strategic Planning Session, led by Peg Sallade.</p>