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UPDATES
Thursday, May 6th, 2010

<p>Action Teams</p> <p><i>Guiding Good Choices</i> Action Team – Donna</p> <p>-Completed Spring 2010 workshops: 24 completed 4+ sessions, 2 completed 3 sessions, and 2 dropped. 37 youth attended Session 3. Scheduled Lesson's learned meeting for May 7th. Received input from Planning Committee regarding ways to address attendance issues. Updated all files with current data and submitted reports.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Review policies at May 7th Lesson's Learned meeting. Formulate a plan to track past participants' progress. Start planning for Fall 2010 workshops.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>Youth Action Team – Joe/Natalie</p> <p>-YAT/Teen Leader Meeting. <i>Environmental Scan</i>: Joe and Kara presented to Conservation Commission re: Swains Pond/Towners Pond findings on April 15th. <i>Melrose Draws the Line</i>: organizing materials to determine reach of campaign. <i>Media Literacy Campaign</i>: Hoover and Lincoln School Spring assemblies by Youth Advisor and 4 Middle School youth began April 19th.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Confirm Youth Advisor and Teen Leaders for FY'11. <i>Environmental Scan</i>: Park Commission presentation May 10th. <i>Melrose Draws the Line</i>: May 8th: Promoting campaign at MAAV's Mother's Day Road Race. <i>Media Literacy Campaign</i>: Continue assemblies.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

Policy Action Team – Kara (local), Allen (state)

-Local: Set up May 4th Action Team meeting to discuss Liquor Licensing Partnership Plan with our mentor Cambridge. Emailed regional counterparts to find 1-2 youth to help with June alcohol compliance checks April 22nd. Sent in Media Advisory to local newspapers April 27th.

-Next Steps→ Local: Present marijuana consumption ordinance to Board of Alderman. Set up responsible beverage server training for licensees. State: find out when next MOAR meeting will be held.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Sports Organization Action Team –Trisha

-Coalition banners hung at Morelli, Conant, and Lincoln baseball fields; confirmation from Melrose Youth Hockey league of format change for annual banquet.

-Next Steps→ Literature and promotional giveaways distributed to Melrose National Little League and Babe Ruth baseball players during coaches “making good choices” pep talk

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

School Action Team – Jan

-Investigating K-12 health prevention curricula possibilities in collaboration with Pat Ruggiero and Pat Muxie. Received curriculum from one company and will be receiving curriculum from another company. Interviewed more faculty/staff/administrators, including Superintendent and School Committee member. Met with the School Health Advisory Committee April 26th.

-Next Steps→ K-12 health prevention curricula: Health Curriculum Review Team to be assembled: will discuss 2 curricula, funding options, and set timeline. May 19th Curriculum Review Council meeting to request Health Curriculum timeline be moved up. Continue with Student Assistance Team and Project Northland Class Action at MHS.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Task Teams

Survey Task Team – Kara, Marie, Trisha, Maureens, and Janet

-Pride Survey administration complete. Data summary compiled. Planning Committee and Task Team reviewed results.

-Next Steps→ Prepare and schedule presentation of data to School Committee. Distribute data packets to PTO's to share with parents and principals to discuss with their faculty/staff.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Membership Task Team – Kara, Janet, and Maureen Buzby

-Met April 6th to discuss targeted outreach, Coalition membership database, and dissemination of *Protecting our Kids...Investing in our Future* sustainability brochure (GGC participants, Funeral Directors). Contacted Coalition members to recruit more Religious sector representation.

-Next Steps→ Discuss brochure piloting effort. Staff to conduct bi-annual review of email list serv.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.