

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Thursday, February 4, 2010

Present: Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Karen Andrews, Diane Bagley, Maureen Beecy, Jeff Bolduc, Maureen Buzby, Ruth Clay, Diane Ely, Natalie Emerson, Sue Federico, Jan Flynn, D.J.Gagne, Trisha Keane, Jeff Lavoie, Bruce Lomas, Donna Macdonald, Mary Beth Margolis, Bianca Palumbo, Tracy Pelrine, Michael Plumer, Bob Savarino, Jen Sullivan, Cornelia Walsh. **Total Attendees: 24.**

Sectors represented: Youth, Parents, Business community, Media, Law Enforcement, Religious/fraternal organizations, Schools, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies, Other organizations.

Next Meeting Dates:

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations).
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting: **Thursday, March 4th, 2010– 8:30-9:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions -Kara	-Role Assignments	-Sign in sheet (Ruth), Table Tents (Donna), Latecomers (Maureen). -Diane Ely appointed Reader and Cornelia volunteers to be Timekeeper.
Coalition Business -Kara	<p>-SPOTLIGHT!</p> <p>-January 7th meeting minutes</p> <p>-Introductions</p> <p>-Current Efforts</p>	<p>-On Kevin Cohan (who, unfortunately, couldn’t be with us today)!!! Here’s an example of a GGC parent with limited hours to volunteer, who nonetheless stepped up to the plate and has done lots of behind the scenes work to help with the smooth running of our Fall GGC sessions. We truly appreciate your effort! Go Kevin!!</p> <p>-Approved, as written.</p> <p>-As we have a few new members, Karen suggests introductions around table.</p> <p>-Kara currently working on our DFC Continuing Application (year 5) due February 22nd.</p> <p>-Members asked to be on the lookout for upcoming Coalition Assessment survey (via Survey Monkey).</p> <p>-Kara distributes DFC In-Kind Tracking form for Coalition members. This tool is used to track member time spent in volunteer efforts and to show grantors that we get in-kind match from volunteer time/space use/etc. Members spent 5 minutes to fill out and return forms.</p>

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	<p>-Training Calendar</p> <p>-Article of Interest</p>	<p>-In packet – including upcoming webcast on How to Conduct a Town Hall Meeting (related to our upcoming event).</p> <p>-Letter to Globe Editor from MOAR in support of the Massachusetts OxyContin and Heroin Commission recommendations (as discussed at last month’s meeting).</p> <p><u>NEXT COALITION MEETING:</u> <u>Thursday, March 4th, 2010 – 8:30-9:30 am in Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration</u></p>
<p>Community Concern/Open Forum</p>		<p>-Jeff Bolduc tells membership about upcoming meeting with school “key players” – including Steve Fogarty/Jan Flynn – to start the discussion about a comprehensive K-12 Health curriculum. Current program (Great Body Shop at the elementary level) is not a SAMHSA-approved curriculum. All involved realize that this will be a long process.</p> <p>-Jeff also tells us that there has been some conversation with Miller-Coors about community grants. Jan F. has also explored Anheuser,-Busch community funding opportunities. Mixed feelings about looking for \$\$ from these sources.</p> <p>-Ruth notes that both issues – finding a K-12 curriculum and funding for program – will continue to resurface, despite fiscal constraints.</p> <p>-Jan notes that we should keep attention on our goal, which is Raising Healthy Kids, so that when they get to the point where they will be making a choice about drinking or self-medicating, they have the tools to make smart decisions – that they’ve received consistent messages.</p> <p>-Jeff reports that he and guidance department intern, Jen Sullivan, have been working on a template for a student support services brochure.</p>
<p>Networking and Adjournment</p>		<p>-Informal networking</p> <p>-Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.</p>