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**UPDATES**  
**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

<p><b>Action Teams</b></p> <p><i>Guiding Good Choices</i> Action Team – Donna</p> <p>-3 Spring workshop series complete after this week! Discussed possibility of having <i>Guiding Good Choices</i> as a teacher development course with Pat Muxie.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Action Team to meet to plan for Fall and recap results of Spring sessions. Report data/evaluation results to Coalition Leader.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p><b>Police Action Team – Mike</b></p> <p>-Coordinator, Medford youth and coordinator, and 2 officers conducted March 13th alcohol compliance checks: 7 of 9 in compliance. Met to discuss Action Plan on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Obtained Tip Line Spreadsheet from Detective Bureau. Allen began to walk again-Main Street and West Wyoming Ave. Kara wrote EOPSS state grant for Police Department to get \$5K to employ extra party and surveillance patrols; grant potentially covers May-Sept 2010.</p> <p>-Next Steps→Tip Line: meet with Detectives end of April/beginning of May. Discuss how to push the existence and use of the Social Host Liability Law among the Police Department; investigating PSA options aimed at youth, Police, and homeowners.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p><b>Policy Action Team – Kara (local), Allen (state)</b></p> <p>-<i>Local</i>: Disseminated March 13<sup>th</sup> alcohol compliance check results to Liquor Licensing Commission.  <i>State</i>: Emailed Coalition regarding support for Tolman’s Bill 2281.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ <i>Local</i>: Attend next LLC meeting (April?). Meet again with Cambridge to discuss Liquor Licensing Partnership Plan status.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

### Sports Organization Action Team –Trisha

-Attended Babe Ruth baseball league coaches meeting on March 18 to introduce the mission of the Coalition and gain support from the coaches. All of the coaches are on board to partner with the Coalition this season. Coalition banner provided to Babe Ruth league. It will be hung at the Babe Ruth field for the season and through the summer.

-Next Steps→ Confirm partnership with Melrose National Little League. Contact Churchill Baseball League to see if they have an interest in partnering with the Coalition. Finalize Melrose Banquet Policy Key Informant Interview script.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

### School Action Team – Jan

-Investigating a number of K-12 health prevention curriculum possibilities. Interviewed more faculty/staff/administrators. Met with the School Health Advisory Committee March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

-Next Steps→ K-12 prevention curriculum: continue meeting with school and City stakeholders (meeting with Joe Casey today) and begin pursuing funding options. Continue with Student Assistance Team at MHS.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

### Task Teams

#### SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Task Team –Cornelia, Maureen Beecy, DJ, and Kara

-SBIRT at MWH will stay dormant until nurse/social worker are hired.

-Next Steps→ Deactivate Task Team.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

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

-*Pride* Survey administration complete. Planning Committee and Task Team to review results.

-Next Steps→ Prepare and schedule presentation of data to School Committee.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

#### Town Hall Meeting/Pre-Prom Forum Task Team—Joe

-March 22<sup>nd</sup> event occurred, focus on underage drinking prevention. Coalition assisted MHS with parent goodie bags, media relations, and youth skit demonstrating Social Host Liability law.

-Next Steps→ Dissolve Task Team.

-Coalition Discussion→ none needed.