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UPDATES
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<p>Action Teams</p> <p><i>Guiding Good Choices Action Team – Donna</i></p> <p>-Began Spring 2010 Workshop series preparations. Held Lesson's Learned mtg.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Working on an application to allow participants to submit registration requests on line. Scheduling Best Practices mtg for Spring facilitators and tech volunteers.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>Sports Organization Action Team –Trisha</p> <p>-Basketball league – banner hung at February 1st game and bags of literature/promotional giveaways distributed to 40 youth during a “make good choices” pep talk. Melrose Youth Hockey – discussion with league president about omitting alcohol at annual banquet. They could potentially change the format this year to an “awards ceremony” with no alcohol served; needs further discussion and approval by hockey board. Banner/literature/giveaways at Pop Warner banquet on January 22nd.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Contact city-wide baseball leagues (Melrose National Little League, Babe Ruth baseball league, Churchill baseball league) to put together a plan for the upcoming season. Discuss development of newspaper article highlighting baseball leagues.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>School Action Team – Jan</p> <p>-Meeting on January 27th to discuss possibility of one district-wide health curriculum in future.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Continue with Student Assistance Team. Ensure Project Northland Class Action will be taught to 9th/10th graders this Spring. K-12 prevention curriculum follow-up.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

Police Action Team – Mike

-Coalition to cover a few overtimes for Mike Plumer. Chief Lyle, Plumer, and/or Mulrenan to be contacts for Tip Line initiative.

-Next Steps→Tip Line: Contact Meredith Baker at Hallmark Health to discuss contacting doctors about the Tip Line. Walk Main Street and other business areas again with posters and cards. Kara to meet with City Solicitor and Police Chief re: marijuana consumption ordinance and social host ordinance minor edits on February 9th. Discuss how to push the existence and use of the Social Host Liability Law among the Police Department. Officers to assist with upcoming alcohol compliance checks.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Policy Action Team – Kara

-Board of Alderman approved funding for bi-annual alcohol compliance checks! Met with Cambridge Coalition to develop draft of Liquor Licensing Commission Partnership Plan (LLC PP).

-Next Steps→ Kara to meet with City Solicitor and Police Chief re: marijuana consumption ordinance and social host ordinance minor edits on February 9th. Finalize LLC PP with LLC, Mayor, others.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Youth Action Team – Charlie/Joe/Natalie

-*Environmental Scan*: Rough draft of Power Point presentation created. *Melrose Draws the Line*: school promotions began. Prize wheel almost complete. Evaluation postcard created and sent to graphic designer to be laid out.

-Next steps→ *Environmental Scan*: finalize presentation. Schedule presentations to Conservation Commission and Park Commission. *Melrose Draws the Line*: use members to promote campaign website/distribute materials in community. *Media Literacy Campaign*: contact principals re: Hoover and Lincoln School Spring assemblies. Find Youth Advisor and Teen Leaders for FY'11.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Task Teams

Membership Task Team – Kara, Janet, and Maureen Buzby

-Contacted existing members not heard from since last year. 8 new membership agreements filled out this month. Follow-up email to exiting members. Advisory Board and Planning Committee finalized Statement of Need/Informational Brochure.

-Next Steps→ Contact Potential Members-Inbound. Email or call individual Coalition members identified in "Potential Member-Outbound" spreadsheet to assist with targeted recruitment. Administration of FY'10 Coalition Assessment Survey. Print and disseminate Coalition's Statement of Need/Informational Brochure.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

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

-*Pride* Survey administration to parents and faculty and staff of 5th/7th/9th/11th grade students in Jan/Feb 2010. Postcard, postage, envelopes, surveys, online access, cover letters, mailing labels, press. Thanks to Bob Sav and students who helped with mailings!! Attended Administrators Meeting January 7th to begin faculty/staff administration.

-Next Steps→ Surveys due Mon, Feb 8th.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.