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 SUBSTANCE ABUSE
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UPDATES
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<p>Action Teams</p> <p><i>Guiding Good Choices</i> Action Team – Donna</p> <p>-Preparing for upcoming GGC workshop series...all 3 confirmed! Media promotions through a variety of venues. Thank you First United Methodist for space donation again. Feb 23rd Best Practices meeting.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Conduct 3 workshop series.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>Sports Organization Action Team –Trisha</p> <p>-Confirmed partnership with Babe Ruth baseball league contact for the upcoming season. Sent out communication to Melrose National Little League contact about partnering again this upcoming season. Distributed literature at the MHS lacrosse parent/student meeting on 3/3/10. Key Informant Interview Script developed.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Trisha will attend Babe Ruth baseball league coaches meeting in March to introduce the mission of the Coalition and gain support from the coaches. Confirm partnership with Melrose National Little League. Contact Churchill Baseball League to see if they have an interest in partnering with the Coalition.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>School Action Team – Jan</p> <p>-Investigating a number of K-12 health prevention curriculum possibilities: interviewed 3+ principals, Mayor, and met with the School Health Advisory Committee February 22nd. Pat R confirmed Project Northland Class Action will be taught to 9th/10th graders this Spring.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Continue with Student Assistance Team. K-12 prevention curriculum: continue meeting with school and City stakeholders and begin pursuing funding options.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

Police Action Team – Mike

-Confirmed 2 officers for upcoming alcohol compliance checks. Kara met with City Solicitor and Police Chief re: marijuana consumption ordinance and social host ordinance minor edits on February 9th.

-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. Discuss how to push the existence and use of the Social Host Liability Law among the Police Department. Kara to meet with Mayor to discuss marijuana consumption ordinance in March.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

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

-*Local*: Kara met with City Solicitor and Police Chief re: marijuana consumption ordinance and social host ordinance minor edits on February 9th. Met with Joe Nevin to discuss Liquor Licensing Commission Partnership Plan (LLC PP). *State*: Allen attended MOAR forum February 22nd.

-Next Steps→ *Local*: Finalize LLC PP with Commission and discuss with Mayor (March 9th). *State*: 4 state/regional items of interest: House Bill #1113 to ban billboards from government property, Northeast NARCAN project, Alcohol Sales Tax repeal (threatens substance abuse prevention state dollars), and House Bill 320 to put underage warning labels on alcohol. For more info, contact Allen at zzen@verizon.net.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Youth Action Team – Charlie/Joe/Natalie

-*Environmental Scan*: emailed both Conservation and Park Commissions to be added to Spring meeting agendas. *Melrose Draws the Line*: school promotions began. Prize wheel almost complete. Promotion newspaper article ran week of February 22nd. Evaluation postcards ready to be administered at upcoming community/school events; Coalition members to promote campaign at these events. *Media Literacy Campaign*: Hoover and Lincoln School Spring assembly dates finalized for end of April into May.

-Next steps→ *Environmental Scan*: waiting to hear back from Commissions' so can present data. *Media Literacy Campaign*: Gather middle schoolers to give presentations. Confirm Youth Advisor and Teen Leaders for FY'11.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Task Teams

Membership Task Team – Kara, Janet, and Maureen Buzby

-Advisory Board and Planning Committee now working with graphic designer to finalize Statement of Need/Informational Brochure. Administration of FY'10 Coalition Assessment Survey.

-Next Steps→ Contact Potential Members-Inbound. Email or call individual Coalition members identified in "Potential Member-Outbound" spreadsheet to assist with targeted recruitment.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

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

-Cornelia met with Dr. Welch and Mark Mahnfeldt to discuss February 9th: SBIRT at MWH will stay dormant until nurse/social worker are hired.

-Next Steps→ Identify other ways to support MWH at this time.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

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

-*Pride* Survey administration complete. Paper/pencil response rates as of 2/22/10: parents of 5th/7th/9th/11th grade students = 276/1000=~28%. Faculty and staff of 5th/7th/9th/11th grade students = 63/202 =~31%. Note: does not include online responses!

-Next Steps→ Await data results.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.