

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
 Monthly Coalition Meeting—Monday, September 14th, 2009

Present: Paula Kelly, Janet Nevin, Ruth Clay, Maureen Beecy, Karen Andrews, Dale Atlas, Jeff Bolduc, Charlie Ciccone, Eileen Dern, Natalie Emerson, Jan Flynn, Mary Elizabeth Ford, Trisha Keane, Bianca Palumbo, Tracy Pelrine, John Ross, Emma Svoboda, Anna Tramontozzi.

Total Attendees: 18.

Sectors represented: Youth, Parents, Youth-Serving Organizations, Media, Civic/Volunteer Groups, Schools, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies.

Next Meeting Dates:

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations).
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting: **Monday, October 5th, 2009 – 8:30-9:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**
 Please note **FIRST Monday in month, due to Columbus Day holiday.** (Ruth Clay to lead meeting, in Kara’s absence.)

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions -Paula	-Role Assignments	-Sign in sheet (Ruth), Table Tents (Maureen/Donna), Latecomers (Janet). -Janet appointed today’s Reader and as for Timekeeper: we’re winging it!
August 7 th Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved, as written.
Coalition Business -Paula	-Membership packets -2009 Annual Report -Coalition Discussion	-Distributed to new members and those who have not yet filled out 2009-10 Membership Agreements. -Annual Report sent as part of back to school mailing by Mayor’s office to parents of middle and high school students. Community mailing planned for later this month. May recruit members to help with mailing. -Ruth announced that Coalition has not yet heard about Federal STOP grant (\$50K), which we had applied for in early summer. -Some talk about re-thinking Monday meeting dates.

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<p>Police Action Team -Maureen</p>	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Received positive feedback on Neighborhood Nights Out in August. -Met with Saugus group related to similar initiatives and will continue collaborative efforts. -Have compiled email list of community organizations and contacts to use in dissemination of Tip Line information.</p> <p>-Still waiting to hear from Chief Lyle on police representative for Coalition.</p> <p>-PAT to meet with new detectives to brainstorm. Hopefully, meet with new PAT rep. -Planning to attend Victorian Fair to distribute Tip Line cards and other information. -Continue to maintain a presence on Main Street and other business areas in City while handing out information. -Contact Meredith Baker at Hallmark Health re. best method to reach doctors with Tip Line resource materials. -Use email list to send out Tip Line information to community orgs!</p>
<p>Policy Action Team -Paula (State)</p>	<p>-Current Efforts/Next Steps</p>	<p>-Local: Mostly on hiatus until Kara returns from maternity leave in November.</p> <p>-State: Paula to reach out to regional Coalition coordinators related to involvement in state policy issues in order to create economies of scale/stronger base of power.</p>
<p>Other Business -Janet</p>	<p>-Upcoming Trainings</p> <p>-Action Team Updates</p> <p>-Articles of Interest</p> <p>-Victorian Fair</p>	<p>-Not included in this month's packet. Will update our trainings website this month. Generally more opportunities in the Fall. We will need to focus on free/nearly free trainings and workshops, as grant money not available.</p> <p>-In packet. Includes School Action Team/Sports Orgs/Youth Action Team/GGC. -Donna M. told group that the First Methodist Church will be hosting our Fall workshop series. Ruth talked about other community collaborations, going forward.</p> <p>-In packet, including article on banning alcohol ads on state property, such as MBTA stations. We've had this issue in come up in the past.</p> <p>-Quick recap of 9/13 event with big thanks to all Coalition members who helped out – Allen, Cornelia, Maureen Beecy, John A, Trisha, Natalie and friends, and especially Donna M!! Your effort is truly appreciated!</p>

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	-Baby News!!	-Passed around some pictures of young Master Nathan Kyle Showers, all of 4 weeks old. Baby and parents doing just fine!
Announcements -Paula/Janet	-SPOTLIGHT!!	-On Cornelia Walsh (who, due to a work commitment, couldn't join us today)!! Since joining the Coalition, a few short months ago, Cornelia has totally jumped in with both feet and helps wherever and whenever she can. Between Neighborhood Nights Out and the Victorian Fair and her interest in some of our short term Task Teams, she has clearly proven her commitment and dedication to our cause. Eileen Dern, her colleague at Hallmark Health, also echoed our sentiments at the monthly meeting - we're thrilled to have Cornelia on our team. Thanks, Cornelia!
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Community Concern/Open Forum -Say something out loud or put it on paper!	-John Ross -Charlie -Mary Elizabeth -Ruth -Eileen.	-Police Dept. (led by John Ross and Chuck Byrne) will present 3 drug education seminars for Melrose parents. Flyers distributed. Two dates in October and one in November. Also some discussion about drug testing kits for parents and ramifications. Ruth spoke about issue coming up in the past under former MHS principal and will gather resources we put together at that time. Donna M. to promote event at GGC workshops. -Introduced Natalie Emerson as newest member of Youth Action Team. Natalie is an 8 th grader at Melrose Veteran's Memorial Middle School. Welcome, Natalie, who was already a big help at the Victorian Fair! -Introduced Dale Atlas who is a counseling intern in her office. -Went around the room making full introductions, as there were a number of new attendees. -Told the group that Tami Gouveia-Vigeant, our Northeast Center for Health Communities rep, has contacted us about connecting with Action Teams to talk about plans going forward and how to quantify what we've done thus far. -Talked about the new "Safe Space" at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Hallmark will keep us updated on activity.

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	<p>-MaryElizabeth</p> <p>-Donna M.</p>	<p>-Told the group about resource list she has compiled for substance abuse services. She runs groups at the high school, as well, and can give referrals.</p> <p>-Met man at Victorian Fair who was looking for counseling services. I will put him in touch with Eileen D. at Hallmark, if he phones in to office.</p>
<p>Networking and Adjournment</p>		<p>-Informal networking.</p> <p>-Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.</p>