

## February 2009 Report

### Coalition members, Coordinator, and Administrator:

- Organized/attended Coalition's monthly meeting (February 13<sup>th</sup>): 20 attendees
- FY'09 grants
  - Continuous billing and invoice collection done for grants
    - City FY'09
    - Fed FY'09 budget
      - Funds drawdown (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>)
      - Finalized and submitted our Year 4 Continuation Application (due March 2<sup>nd</sup>)
    - State FY'09 budget
      - MIS report submitted (Feb 10<sup>th</sup>)
      - Bi-Annual Report submitted (Feb 10<sup>th</sup>)
      - FY'10 budget
        - Organized letter of support and meeting with Rep Clark, Sen Tisei, Sen McGee re: next years funding
- Audio Conference on School Substance Abuse Policy (Feb 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Met with Darrin Parry to discuss Church of Nazarene involvement with Coalition (Feb 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Ongoing updating/stocking of resources in office and throughout community
- Discussed sustainability assistance, updating MOA, evaluation assistance, Coalition assessment survey, YRBS administration with Northeast Center for Healthy Communities reps (February 24<sup>th</sup>)
- February 7<sup>th</sup>'s Regional Coalition Summit and Recovery Celebration
  - 4+ Coalition members were in attendance
  - Applicable best practice materials were at event
- Attended Mass Forum Youth Development meeting (February 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Newspaper Submissions (Melrose Free Press = 20,700 homes/businesses weekly, Melrose Weekly News = 9,000 homes/businesses weekly)
  - Coalition Summit/Recovery Celebration
  - GGC
  - New Liquor Licensing Regulations—21 Proof addition
- IT developments
  - Technical difficulties on/off with city webpage/e-newsletter
    - Webpage/e-newsletter unable to be updated
- Police Action Team
  - Planning continued for EOPSS underage drinking enforcement grant.
    - "Holidays" to have extra party/surveillance patrols were identified (St. Patty's, Memorial Day, Prom, End of School).

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- 665-TIPS Tip Line
  - Meeting with newly structured Detective Bureau
  - Promotions continue (Feb 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Youth Action Team
  - Performed “Slang teens use” energizer at monthly meeting
  - Advisor and Coordinator met (Feb 27<sup>th</sup>)
    - Finalizing timeline/budget/action plan of the Spring initiatives
      - Each YAT teen leader will focus on ~one initiative
        - Melrose Draws the Line-Maddie
          - Meetings (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>)
        - Healthy Alternatives-Khart
          - Met with Rec Director (Feb 24<sup>th</sup>)
        - Marijuana Prevention Campaign-Joe
          - “Are you part of the 75?”
        - Media Literacy-Charlie + middle school youth
          - Presented pilot idea to Administrators (Feb 12<sup>th</sup>)
          - Added pre/post survey component
          - Planning lessons for elementary schools
        - Environmental Scan-all
          - Police sent Advisor hotspots
          - Youth sent Advisor hot and non-hotspots
        - Drunk Driving Prevention for upcoming Spring “holidays”-all
          - Began to prep for St. Patty’s Day
          - Used [www.stopimpaireddriving.org](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org) as template
          - Posters disseminated in community “Designate a sober driver this St. Patrick’s Day”
          - Posters disseminated in school also include “85% of MHS students have not driven after drinking”
- House Party Follow-Up
  - Reps from School Action Team, Police Action Team, Sports Org Action Team, and Youth Action Team attended meeting (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - Press release to show community positive steps that are being taken finalized
  - Follow-up on:
    - School: review/improve district’s ATOD policies
    - Sports Org: review/improve MHS Athletic policy, best practices contract to be disseminated to all coaches
    - Coalition: tips for parents to be created/disseminated more consistently through School Dept, investigate possibility of

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- city ordinance to hold minors who attend party responsible for community service/ATOD education
  - Police: law-related education for community
  - Coordinator met with School Committee policy chair (February 4<sup>th</sup>)
- *Guiding Good Choices* Action Team
  - Updated and approved new policy and procedure manual at Action Team meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Finalized four workshops for Spring GGC Sessions and began promotions
    - Had to cancel Saturday a.m. series due to low attendance
- Policy Action Team
  - State policy
    - Discussed plan to follow certain ATOD pending legislature and keep Coalition informed
  - Local policy
    - The following safeguards are included in the draft regulations: a) advertising signage controlled b) compliance checks required c) mandatory server/seller training
    - Presented revision for Liquor Licensing Board to include *21 Proof* as option in mandatory server/seller training section (Feb 18<sup>th</sup>)
    - New Liquor License regulations approved Feb 25<sup>th</sup> with safeguards in!