

TIVERTON PREVENTION COALITION

MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

PRESENT: Coordinator Rebecca Elwell, Chairperson Edith Borden, Ray Davis, Sally Black, Ed Parr, Chris O'Toole, Joe Runner, Jenni Santos-McNamee, Police Chief Blakey, Seena Franklin and Elaine M. Aguiar.

1. Approval of July minutes – motion by Franklin/Santos-McNamee; all in favor.

2. Student Assistance:

A. Fliers and Posters: Fliers from the Coalition to boost promotion of Student Assistance were at both THS and TMS, also for teachers and parents. Posters were hung in schools with message "TALK IT OUT IT HELPS."

B. Funding: Additional request by School Dept. --- Coalition Contribution is \$9,500.00; School Dept. is requesting another \$1,890.17. Motion by Runner/Blakey to approve additional expenditure to maintain the effort we have right now; motion passed –Seena and Edith abstained.

3. Plan recognition for Bill White...(scholarship/fundraising)----Sheila Kauffman suggested instituting an annual Bill White Prevention Scholarship for \$500.00 to thank Bill for all the work he has done with our Coalition. Rebecca, Ray and Joe will work on the fundraising plans.

4. Project Purple: sub-committee (planning for town-wide campaign) --- (Project Purple is part of the Chris Herran project.) Project Purple is a student driven movement where students indicate "We choose not to get involved with substances; we wear purple to identify ourselves." Sally commented we are working to make things better in town with this campaign.

5. Reports:

A. Communications: Ed and Chris --- "Lock Your Liquor" Campaign – alcohol vendors were willing to pass out flyers to parents etc. to keep their alcohol locked up and keep our kids safe.

B. Youth Program Coordinator: Jenni --- Held first meeting—ten (ATI) kids with another eight on e-mail list. Youngsters took part in Pardon Gray Day; September has Tag It where sticky notes are put on something that they are above; a Halloween parade on October 25th at Sandy Woods. (ATI=Above The Influence.)

C. Student Athlete Leadership Council (Tiger PRIDE): In Linda's absence Rebecca reported there has been a meeting with two coach advisors for planning activities.

D. Student Assistance: Edith --- has been very busy, had a great orientation for 5th graders. Edith is meeting with Bereavement group at HS this week; also meeting with new students at THS and TMS. The 5th graders will be going to the Y in Middletown for a new pilot with focus on team building, social skills, anti-bullying.

E. Health and Wellness: Sally attended a meeting in Providence sponsored by Sheldon Whitehouse about energy and the environment. Sally was certain to explain how local foods are brought into Tiverton schools.

6. Other Announcements: Ray Davis --- Materials have been sent out to parents of pre-schoolers focusing on wellness. NO RESPONSES from executive directors.

Rebecca –regarding medical marijuana—change in proposed amendment legislation---focus—cooperative growth for medical marijuana required to be inspected for safety.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 20TH

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:00 BY Franklin/Santos-McNamee