

Tiverton Prevention Coalition

Minutes

January 12, 2015

In Attendance: Rebecca Elwell, Seena Franklin, Edith Borden, Susan Gill, John Mattson, Ed Parr, Sally Black, Chief Tom Blakey, Linda Larsen

1. **Welcome/Introductions:** Welcome Susan Gill from the Tiverton Recreation Commission
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: November:** tabled
3. **Dr. William White Scholarship:** Rebecca announced that \$1000 has been raised to support the Dr William White Prevention Scholarship; additional funds are still being sought. Applications for students to apply for scholarship will be available in late February/early March.
4. **Capacity building: e cigarettes/vape pens:** Rebecca showed some of the available electronic nicotine delivery devices and provided information on Butane Hash Oil products wax, shatter used in dabbing.
5. **Project Purple: Planning up-dates:** High School and Middle School activities have been planned. Rebecca and Sally will be attending Town Council meeting on Jan 12 to request town council participation- and a resolution proclaiming the Week of Jan 26 Project Purple Week in Tiverton. Police Department has agreed to put purple bows on the cruiser and put up a banner. Additional community support is being sought.
6. **Family Time: Winter Wonderland :** as part of the Coalition's Family Time Initiative Jenni has organized a family friendly activity scheduled for Sat. Jan 24 at Sandywoods from 10a.m. to noon. Activities will include sensory crafts, story teller and face painting.

In reference to the Family Time Initiative Seena mentioned EBCAP's affiliation with Healthy Families America and the support for home visits for families in Tiverton.

7. **Reports:**
 - A. **Evaluation:** John reported briefly on the status of the RI Student Survey. Tiverton will be doing our annual student survey for the DFC in February.
 - B. **Communications: O+P :** discussion table pending coordinator review of communication plan.
 - C. **Youth Program Coordinator:** Tabled in Jenni's Absence.

D. **Tiger Pride:** Linda reported on Tiger Pride Activities including: participation in Training with navy seals with Portsmouth and Middletown students in November, RI Interscholastic League training- nine students to attend, initiation of athlete of the week: chosen by the kids for sportsmanship and leadership; Black Light Dance was a success with approx. 130 students attending; Pride students are looking forward to nominating new 9th graders to join the group; also discussion the creation of a video.

Tiger Pride met in light of the recent death of a Rogers High School basketball player: members of the group attended the memorial service honorably representing their school and community. The group will be sponsoring a CPR training, the third in a year, to ensure the presence of CPR certified responders at school events.

E. **Student Assistance:** Edith reported that one group of Project Alert classes have just wrapped up, next group will begin after the semester changes; referrals are steady; grief groups have grown in membership at TMS and THS.

F. **Health and Wellness:** Sally will announce the next quarterly meeting date once it is set

G. **OSPA/Attorney General's Workgroup:** announcement that the RI Police Chief's Association will be sending law enforcement personnel to Colorado to get a sense of what is happening there in terms of legalization of marijuana. The bill to legalize marijuana in RI has been submitted to the general assembly for the 2015 Legislative session.

H. **Other Announcements:**

CADCA: Rebecca, Jenni, and Ray (along with Polly Allen from Little Compton) will be attending the annual national CADCA Conference in Washington, D.C. in February. They are scheduled to meet with Congressman David Cicilline on Feb 4th to discuss the status of prevention in Rhode Island.

ProJo Editorial: Seena recommended members read the PROJO editorial in the morning paper regarding marijuana.

Girls on the Run: Susan presented a flier describing the "Girls on the Run" program for children in grades 3-5. More information will be sought to see if there is a good connection for the Coalition and the Recreation Department.

Adjourn: 11:00

Next Meeting: February 9