

Tiverton Prevention Coalition

Jan 11, 2016 9:00 a.m.

Tiverton High School Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Rebecca Elwell, Ray Davis, Chris O'Toole, Dave Frerichs, John Mattson, Barbara Pelletier, Sally Black, Jenni McNamee

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Nov 2015 Motion RD/CO'T all in favor.

3. Volunteer Time Log: please turn in log for past month

4. Old Business

a. none

5. New Business

a. **Strategic Planning:** Rebecca reviewed planning meeting highlights- (Jan 7th) Notes of meeting have been typed and will be distributed to coalition members and meeting participants. John Mattson was encouraged by the input. Next step is to look at recommendations, overlap in suggestions to determine priorities.

Sally mentioned her conversation with Officer Black regarding opiate use. More info is needed to determine age of onset for opiate use- and factors contributing to use.

b. **DFC Grant:** RFP has been released. Rebecca will seek approval from the School Committee to remain as fiscal agent. Grant due March 12. Rebecca is planning to submit 2 weeks in advance. Rebecca requested signatures for the coalition sector representation.

6. Sub-committee Reports

A. **Membership Committee:** Packet complete- Rebecca shared the new welcome packets; Sally will deliver one to each of the town council and school committee members. Thank you to the membership committee members for their efforts: Ray, Seena, and Susan

B. **Scholarship Committee:** RE would like to host a fundraiser February or March date to be determined.

C. **Project Purple Committee:** PP committee has planned many activities for Project Purple week. (Thank you to Edith, Jenni, Polly Allen, Sally, Dave Perry, Linda Larsen, Kelly Levesque, India Kenyon, Barbara Pelletier for participating in the most recent PP committee meeting)

Purple Bows are being distributed in several local businesses as well as in the schools and by request. Project Purple Post cards went out in the mail (Jan 11) encouraging community members to decorate their front doors or mailboxes with purple bows.

Polly will make arrangements for the school buses to display purple bows again this year.

TMS will have a Project Purple Assembly featuring Kevin Robinson-bmx bike rider; All three elementary schools will have an assembly featuring OUCH, a yo-yo performer sharing a message of encouragement for being yourself- doing what you love.

Thank you to Barbara Pelletier for the beautiful purple pennants and table cloth with banner

D. **Data Review Committee:** info covered under new business

7. Activity Reports:

A. **Evaluation:** perception of risk and peer approval discussed

B. **Communications:** Chris reported that O+P is working on the social norms posters challenging kids to think carefully about the perception that “everyone does it” in terms of marijuana and alcohol use.

C. **Youth Program Coordinator:** Jenni reported that the tobacco presentations have been completed in all three elementary schools, a vaping/e-cigarette presentation is being developed for the middle school. Coalition Café kids are working on a “living above” project. Also working on Project Purple. Coalition Café kids are working in pairs to research specific drugs

D. **Tiger Pride: Life of an athlete:** Basketball team is planning to meet with the TMS basketball players about what it means to be a Tiger- emphasis on being healthy and making positive choices

E. **Middle School PTO:** no report

F. **EBCAP:** no report

G. **Student Assistance:** no report

H. **Health and Wellness:** Sally will be meeting with students in each of the elementary schools on Friday getting student feedback on lunches.

I. **PHN:** working on cyberbullying

J. **Recreation Commission:** no report

K. **OSPA/Attorney General’s Work Group/DOH Regulations Work Group:** Rebecca shared an update on recent OSPA meeting: coordinators met to discuss the RFI recently released by BHDDH to gather stakeholder ideas regarding the pending redesign of the RISAPA program. Rebecca will be crafting a response on behalf of the coordinators of Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Little Compton and Tiverton Coalitions encouraging the state to maintain the viability of community coalitions with strengthened focus on county-wide collaborations and a recommendation that one organization receive be responsible for contract management statewide.

Attorney General’s Work Group will resume meeting this week.

DOH Regulations Work Group is still on hold.

. **Next meetings:** Feb 8, March 7