

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Minutes

Monday, December 3, 2012 at 8:45 am.

Present: Chief John LaCross (Police), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Marta Iachetta (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Deb Perugini (Staff), Bill Dewitt (Business), Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Sara Kriz (Media), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Laura Walker (youth), Alexandra Ray (youth), Aria Nirrandone (youth), Maycie Culley (youth) Eleanor Swe (Parent), Lara Courturier (parent)

Not present: Stephen Phelan (Business), Martha Donovan (Parent), Susan Freel (Parent), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Elizabeth Barnum (Religious Organization), Harper Berriman (youth), Diane Block (health care), Bill Cameron(business), Grethe Cobb (healthcare), Dan Converse (parent), Jill Cuzzone (Parent), Bill Dewitt (Business), Claudia Gordon (Parent), Maureen Janetta (School), Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Bob Shea (School), Michael Squatrito (Youth Serving Organization), Achina Stein (Healthcare), Joanne Royley (School), Ariel Alves (youth), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Nancy Guertin (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Elsie Wright (School), Mimi Karlin (Youth), Jonathan Ashuler (School),

Presentation

This Place. Video by FACE followed by discussion. It was noted that the work being done now by community coalitions to address the culture of alcohol use will need to happen to address the marketing of marijuana.

Committee Reports

Parenting – planning a Strengthening Families workshop series of five sessions starting in January. Working with E Bay Center on a Spring Conference, April 23rd with a focus on Stress. We will be showing “Race to Nowhere” followed by a panel discussion.

Marijuana – Deb P updated the group. The committee continues to educate community members and leaders on the risks and harms of marijuana. There is a Dec 8th conference which seems to be organized by a pro-marijuana national organization which is targeting RI for legalization.

Policy - Has worked hard to offer mandatory alcohol training for all servers and sellers of alcohol. All local establishments trained all employees. Some positive outcomes include the new partnership collaboration with the management to remind customers/members that they do NOT serve minors because they are part of a larger local initiative supported by the BAY Team.

BAY Youth – the students have been very active. They organized a Dodgeball tournament, attended MADD’s bowlathon and will be

attending the Candle Light vigil at LaSalle high school. They are still working on the Tips for Teens and will be doing a local assessment of retailers who sell marijuana paraphernalia and other items.

CHOICES – will be raising awareness about holiday stress in the coming weeks.

St. Andrews – not available for today's meeting.

Prescription Drug – the collection box at the police station is being steadily used. Working with E. Bay Center on planning the stress conference.

School

DITEP – a training on drug impairment will be offered to all school administrators, nurses and counselors on Dec 20th. We also have staff from Mount Hope attending.

Drugged Driving PSA project – first year AV class students created 60 second public service announcements with a focus on driving while high. The Chief has viewed two and really liked the messages. We will offer feedback and look to use the videos and get publicity on them.

Member of the Month!

Nancy Guertin of the Easy Bay Mental Health Center! Congrats and thank you for helping secure a grant to host a Spring Conference on Stress

Any Other Business

Donation of \$600 from the Democalpse Youth Concert at the Democratic Club

Barrington Unites December 17th at 7 pm at White Church.