

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School

220 Lincoln Ave. Barrington, RI 02806

Monday, November 5th, 2012 at 8:45 am.

Minutes

Present: Joanne Royley (School), Marta Iachetta (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Deb Perugini (Staff), Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Sara Kriz (Media), Ariel Alves (youth), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Nancy Guertin (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Elsie Wright (School), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Laura Walker (youth), Alexandra Ray (youth), Aria Nirrandone (youth), Maycie Culley (youth) Mimi Karlin (Youth), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Eleanor Swe (Parent)

Not present:

Chief John LaCross (Police), Stephen Phelan (Business), Martha Donovan (Parent), Lara Courturier (parent), Susan Freel (Parent), Deb Jerome (Civic group), 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),

Presentation

Dr. Nick Ward, physician at RI Hospital – Presentation on synthetic drugs, incense, spice, bath salts based on his work in the ICU. Dr. Ward shared information on the new synthetic drugs and how patients present in the ICU. He presented on Synthetic Cannabinoids with the challenges:

- 1. They are legal to possess**
- 2. They are easy to obtain**
- 3. They do not show up in a drug screen.**

Committee Reports:

Parenting: Highlights of recent Parenting Survey shared with the group

- 73% have seen the monthly flyers**
- 45% say their teen has a computer in his/her room**
- 21% secure alcohol in the home; 25% secure prescription drugs in the home (new in 2012)**
- 65% contact the home where their teen will visit most or all of the time to see if adult will be present**
- 24% contact the home where teen will visit most or all of the time to see if alcohol will be present**
- 16% contact the home where teen will visit most or all of the time to see if marijuana is used there**
- 57% report having had family dinners 20-30 days of the past 30 days**

Perception of Teen Alcohol use

- 96% believe their teen has had no alcohol in the past 30 days**
- 73% believe their teen's best friend has had no alcohol in the past 30 days**
- 80% believe most teens will drink by senior year**
- 87% think teens are at great risk for harming themselves or others if the teen drinks alcohol**

Teen marijuana use

- 96% believe their teen has had no marijuana in the past 30 days**
- 74% believe their teen's best friend has had no marijuana in the past 30 days**
- 44% believe most teens will smoke marijuana by senior year**
- 81% think teens are at great risk for harming themselves or others if the teen uses marijuana**
- 94% think teens are at great risk for harming themselves or others if the teen uses prescription drugs without a doctor's order**

Parental use

- 74% of parents have had a drink in past 30 days (compare with current use of 50-60% in US and RI)**
- 27% of parents have ridden in a car**

Marijuana Committee

Over 14 members of the BAY Team attended the Staying Ahead of Youth Drug Trends conference. The committee is running a series of ads in the local paper. These have been well received and made into

posters for the high school by BAY Team Member, Sara Kriz.

The DITEP training for the school administrators is scheduled for 12/20. This will take place in the school committee room. We may have visitors from Mount Hope High School.

Policy Committee

Developed and conducted two live trainings for all servers and sellers of alcohol in the community as part of the local ordinance. A report of this work will be shared with the Town Council who acts as the Local Liquor Board and issues the alcohol licenses. Two establishments have not trained any employees at this point.

Prescription Drug Committee

The new permanent drop off box is now open at the Police Station!

CHOICES

Marta Iachetta visited the health classes as part of National Drug Awareness month. They planted 100 red tulip bulbs in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

BAYouth

Members of the BAYouth conducted a Seatbelt Survey on Oct 23rd. 81% of the student body was wearing a seatbelt. There is a MADD Bowlathon on November 17th. The Dodgeball Tournament has been postponed.

St. Andrew's Students

Mimi Karlin reported that the St. Andrew's student group is working on the issue of cyberbullying/internet safety for this quarter. This is followed by a peer to peer session.

Member of the Month!

Ariel Alves – BAYouth President. Ariel participated on a youth panel at the recent Staying Ahead of Youth Drug Trends conference. Congratulations!