

## **Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force**

**Drug Free Community Coalition**

**Barrington High School**

**220 Lincoln Ave Barrington, RI 02806**

**Monday, October 1st, 2012 at 8:45 am.**

### **Minutes**

**Present: Marta Iachetta (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Deb Perugini (Staff), Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Martha Donovan (Parent), Sara Kriz (Media), Stephen Phelan (Business), Ariel Alves (youth), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Valerie Noey (Parent), Nancy Guertin (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Chief John LaCross (Police), Elsie Wright (School), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Laura Walker (youth), Alexandra Ray (youth), Aria Nirrandone (youth), Maycie Culley (youth)**

### **Not present:**

**Lara Courturier (parent), Susan Freel (Parent), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Joanne Royley (School), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Elizabeth Barnum (Religious Organization), Harper Berriman (youth), Diane Block (health care), Laina Caesar(youth), 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),**

**Cindy Thompsen(Civic group), Liana Caesar (youth), Tyler Dubuc (youth), Mimi Karlin (Youth),**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Bayouth**

**Ariel Ales presented the near future plans for the BAYouth. The group has newly elected officers and a facebook page. They are working on a seatbelt survey of their peers, a dodgeball tournament, a (possible) homecoming carnival, bake sale and MADD Bowl like MADD event.**

**BAYouth reps talked about working on the issue of teens smoking near the tennis courts and were encouraged to work with the administration on the topic. They acknowledged that they observe an increase in the number of BHS students smoking marijuana.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Parenting: The group has been creating the Monthly Parenting Tips for the school newsletters. The group worked diligently on a Teen Parties: Tips for Parents. We would like to get this out to as many high school and middle school parents as possible. It was showcased at the BHS Open House.**

**The group is working on a schedule for the Parent2Parent meetings.**

**The group did awareness raising around Family Dinner Week with banners and in newsletters.**

### **Policy Committee**

**This committee is working on the Policy briefing.**

### **Prescription Drug Committee**

**The committee held a very successful Drug Take Back. Over 75 people visited the police station to hand in unused medications.**

**Chief LaCross is working on a policy before we launch the new permanent collection box.**

### **Marijuana**

**The committee is very busy working closely with the school to implement a number of programs. They just did a refresher training for the health teachers, including training on Class Action with a specific lesson on marijuana. The group is assessing advisory data. There will be a faculty training for BHS staff in early October. There will also be a Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals on Dec. 20th.**

### **CHOICES**

**Working on the Red Ribbon Week Jingle competition. They may need judges for this event which takes place in the last week of October.**

## **School**

**Open House – The BAY Team offered a raffle item for completing a Parent Survey.**

**Now That You're Here – BMS**

**DITEP – Dec 20th**

## **SAVE the Date:**

**Conference Registration – Staying Ahead of Youth Drug Trends Oct 22nd**

**Liquor Training : 10/23, 10/27**

**Red Ribbon Week: Week of 10/22 (Judges needed at BMS?)**

**Member of the Month! Achina Stein for all of her work on the Prescription Drug Committee, with Drug Take Back events and for leading youth on the BAY Team sponsored Ultimate Frisbee Team!**

## **Any Other Business**

**Arts Alive! Partnership – the BAY Team will continue to work with Arts Alive on the HMS script writing competition on bullying. We hope that the winning plays will be performed at HMS and at the elementary schools. We will also offer a scholarship to the program.**