

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School

220 Lincoln Ave. Barrington, RI 02806

Monday, May 6, 2013 at 8:45 am.

Minutes

Present: Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Joanne Royley (School), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Bill Dewitt (Business), Ariel Alves (youth), Stacie McLaughlin (Parent), Kim Kelly (youth), Martha Donovan (Parent), Marta Iachetta (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent),

Not present: Nancy Guertin (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Chief John LaCross (Police), Deb Perugini (Staff), Lauren Walker (youth), Alexandra Ray (youth), Aria Nirrandone (youth), Maycie Culley (youth) Lara Courturier (parent), Susan Freel (Parent), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Rev. Jeff Larsen (Religious Organization), Harper Berriman (youth), Diane Block (health care), Bill Cameron (business), Grethe Cobb (healthcare), Jill Cuzzone (Parent), Claudia Gordon (Parent), Maureen Janetta (School), Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Bob Shea (School), Michael Squatrito (Youth Serving Organization), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Deena Davis (Parent), Sara Kriz (media), Eleanor Swe (Parent), Elsie Wright (School), Amelia Hill (youth)

Goals of Meeting: Committee reports

Agenda

Legislative Updates – KS gave a brief overview of the bills to Legalize Marijuana and and medical marijuana program. She also did a summary of OSPA’s meeting with US Atty General Peter Nerhonha. A state wide task force on the topic of youth marijuana use will be convened under the direction of the RI Atty General. We hope to get more health care providers involved in the advocacy and education opposing legalization.

Committee Reports

Parenting – feedback on the wonderful conference on Stress presented in partnership with the East Bay Center. A great panel and discussion followed the showing of Race to Nowhere.

The Sports night P2P was poorly attended.

Marijuana The group is working on a Faculty Raffle, showing Dirt, and continuing to support the health teachers with the Delta-9 program. Our colleagues in the state are also doing a lot more work in the community trying to raise awareness about the risks and harms of youth marijuana use.

Policy The committee as two local ordinances that will soon be introduced to the Town Council for consideration – a minor in possession ordinance and a broader social host ordinance.

BAY Youth/CHOICES/St. Andrews

Bay Youth talked about Mocktails and the Power of Three Assembly.

Prescription Drug - Our recent Take Back brought in over 165 lbs of prescription drugs. 43 lbs were in the permanent collection box.

Sustainability We discussed having a retreat to look ahead to assess funding and resources to support our coalition.

BAY Team Recognition

KS and KW will talk about the BAY Teams recognition by CADCA at the Town Council. The beautiful banner outlining the policy change by Sara Kriz will be on display.

Prevention Resource Center

Member of the Month!

Sara Kriz!!

Any Other Business:

****Change in June Meeting venue to the public library!**

Adjourn at 10:00 am