

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School

220 Lincoln Avenue Barrington, RI 02806

October 6, 2014 at 8:45 am.

Goals of Meeting: Education on College Substance Abuse

Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Joanne Royley (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Sara Kriz (media), Jen Sapolsky (parent), Deena Davis (Youth Serving Organization), Susan Freel (parent), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Elsie Wright (School), Deb Perugini (staff),

Not present: Martha Donovan (Parent), Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Alexandra Ray (youth), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Harper Berriman (youth), Diane Block (health care), Bill Cameron (business), Grethe Cobb (healthcare), Claudia Gordon (Parent), Maureen Janetta (School), Bob Shea (School), Chuck Lzbash (Youth Serving Organization), Eleanor Swe (Parent), Kim Kelly (youth), Chief John LaCross (Law Enforcement), Heather Annis (Faith Community), Brendan Curran

(Faith Community). Heidi Fanion (Parent),

Presentation

College Alcohol Presentation,

Donna Darmody, Roger Williams University

Donna did a wonderful presentation on the changes implemented at RWU since 2005 to address the problem of binge drinking and its unintended consequences. She spoke at length about the policy changes and the programs implemented to address the issue. An emerging problem is the smoking of marijuana and electronic cigarette use, both of which are banned on campus.

Nicole Varone, vice principal of BHS, came in to talk about the e-cigs that are being confiscated at BHS. There was another suspension this past Friday.

Committee Reports

We did not have committee reports due to time restrictions. We do need chair.

KS asked for a representative to take a lead role in tobacco issues for the coalition.

The newsletter, the BUZZ, is ready for distribution to all faculty at all

school. Members of the coalition agreed to distribute.

KS to present the success of the Prescription Drug Committee's work to the Town Council.

Coalition needs members to consider the creation of a designated garden area at HMS to have as a "Stress-free zone." This would take some dedicated planning and preparation.

SM thanked Joanne Royley and the BAYouth students for attending the "Out of the Darkness" walk on Sunday at Colt State Park.

Any Other Business: