

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

**Drug Free Community Coalition**

**Barrington Public Library Board Room**

**County Road Barrington, RI 02806**

**Monday, April 7, 2014**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

**Present: Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Joanne Royley (School), Marta Iachetta (School), Achina Stein (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Heather Annis (Faith Community), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Deb Perugini (staff), Chief John LaCross (Law Enforcement), Deena Davis (Parent), Lilli Carrierre (youth),**

**Guests: Jack StJean, RYDD, Maria Sayles, Family Services of RI, Det. Lt Dino Decrescenzo, BPD, Elizabeth Conley, Anchor Recovery Center**

**Not present:), Martha Donovan (Parent), Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Alexandra Ray (youth), Nancy Guertin (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Maycie Culley (youth) Lara Courturier (parent), 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), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Eleanor Swe (Parent), Kim Kelly (youth), Susan Freel (parent), Mimi Karlin (youth), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Sara Kriz (media), Elsie Wright (School), Morgan Silva (youth), Doug Antony (youth), Chris O'Brien (youth), Bill Dewitt (Business), Lauren Walker (youth)**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Presentation: What to Do with Teens with Challenging Behavior**

**Det. Cresenzo spoke about filing a Wayward petition. This is when a parent brings a child to the Police Station when he/she is unruly, defiant, not adhering to curfew or other disobedient behavior. The police fax a form (14-1-11) to Family Services.**

## **PART I**

- 1. Fill out form when you take child to the police station.**
- 2. BPD will fax form to Family Services.**
- 3. Parent to contact Family Services.**

### **Maria Sayles of Family Services:**

- 1. They get the referral fax and file, waiting contact from family.**
- 2. If family gets in touch, they will do a 45 min assessment with parent and/or child. Referral may be due to defiance, gang violence, legal issues, or "out of control"**

- 3. Family Services can then offer therapy, home based services, or refer on to East Bay Center or other services.**
- 4. There is a Youth Diversionary Program (90 day program) This will offer Case Management.**
- 5. After three months they will assess. If no improvement:**

## **Part II – Family Court Involvement**

**Letter to Parent. Police File with Family Court.**

**May be DCYF involvement or court mandated treatment.**

**Youngest age is 9.**

## **Reducing Youth Dangerous Decisions**

**Jack StJean**

**Presentation on a previously court mandated program that parents can now refer children to. They need to pay \$180. This involved a 45 min intake, two classroom sessions, a texting module, visits to the ER, Drunk Tank, Children's Hospital and Trauma ICU.**

**80% of people put themselves there. (drinking, texting or marijuana)**

**90% leave in a box.**

**500 word essay to get sent to whomever referred youth to RYDD.**

## **Committee Reports**

**Parenting – Matt Bellace presentation on 4/49 at BHS, Social Media Dangers presentation in partnership with the PTOs on 7/14 at BMS.  
Tough Tiger – Water station at fundraiser.**

**Completing the Pre School program and going to print and distribution in several days.**

**BAY Youth/CHOICES/St. Andrews – Mocktail event on 4/9 to honor Jon Converse.**

**St. Andrews recently had Dan Converse speak to students. They are also doing an experiment with Oreos to explore youth risk taking.**

**RI Student Survey completed at BHS. Will survey the 8th grade class on 4/17.**

**CHOICE hosting a Sports Night on 4/11.**

**Prescription Drug –CVS will host our next drug take back event in their parking lot on 4/26 from 10 am – 2 pm.**

**Marijuana – About to send home the Barrington Challenge to parents of 8th grade and 9th grade students.**

**Any Other Business**

**Drug Take Back 4/26**

**Outside the Box 7 pm**

**Adjourn**