

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School Library

200 Lincoln Avenue

December 1, 2014 at 8:45 am.

Minutes

Goals of Meeting: Education on the Risks of E-Cigs and Vaping

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), Susan Freel (parent), Ann Johnston (School), Martha Donovan (Parent), Dawn Angelini (Parent)

Not present: Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Alexandra Ray (youth), 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), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Elsie Wright (School), Deena Davis (Youth Serving

Organization) Deb Perugini (parent), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Steve Bucka (Healthcare)

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

KS shared the news that the BAY Team had been awarded a Coalition in Focus Award thanks to the data collection and hard work Kristen has put into the application for the award. It is also due to the hard work of the coalition in making prevention efforts happen.

Presentation

The group watched a 20 minute video called, Vaping More Dangerous Than You Think. The group all agreed that they learned new information, especially about the risk of inhaling alcohol.

The group agreed that more members of the community should see the video. We will plan to offer a showing to PTO groups and at the public library.

Jen S had some concerns about health curricula at the middle school. We will invite Corey Downey, Health Ed Department head to a future meeting to discuss.

Committee Reports

Parenting – Jen S. is chairing the group and gave a thorough update of the plans the committee

Marijuana – The Marijuana group is working on a mailer to educate parents and the community about the risks of marijuana to a youth's developing brain. This is still in its editing phase, but will be comparing the marketing of marijuana to the marketing techniques used by big Tobacco.

Policy - is in need of new members. They are working on e-cig ordinances including signage and some zoning restrictions on the use of marijuana.

BAY Youth/CHOICES/St. Andrews – BHS students will be attending the annual MADD Candlelight vigil. A texting a driving assembly, It Can Wait, was postponed until January. On Nov. 20th there was a very successful prevention assembly for 9th and 10th grade students.

John Morello presented his one man show, Dirt. He also led a two hour afterschool workshop on the creation of graphic novels. Students gave very good feedback on this.

The 7th and 8th grade CHOICE students have started to meet with Ann Johnson.

Prescription Drug – This group have invited a representative from

CVS to participate on the committee and will be working on ways to engage the medical community in their efforts. They are working on ways to get more doctors to participate in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Social Action – This new committee is about to start and will be bringing together members of the faith community to promote a shared message about issues such as youth mental health, substance use and strengthening families. The group's 1st meeting is on 12/1 at 4 pm.

Any Other Business:

KS needs volunteers to help with the Festival of Lights on 12/6 from 2-6 pm. Thanks to SK and JS for signing up to help!

Adjourn 10:00 am