

**Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force
Drug Free Community Coalition
Barrington High School 200 Lincoln Avenue
Feb 23, 2015 at 8:45 am.**

Minutes

Present:

Present: Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Joanne Royley (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Jen Sapolsky (parent), Susan Freel (parent), Maura Fay (Parent)

Not present: Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), 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), Kim Kelly (youth), Heather Annis (Faith Community), Brendan Curran (Faith Community). Heidi Fanion (Parent), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Elsie Wright (School), Deb Perugini (parent), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Steve Bucka (Healthcare), Sara Kriz (media), Ann Johnston (School), Chief John LaCross (Law Enforcement), Deena Davis (Youth Serving Organization)

DC Update

KS and KW shared information from the CADCA conference with the

group. We shared the incredible poster that Sara Kriz produced for the Ideas Fair. This showcased the tools the BAY Team has developed to help foster stronger communication between parents and teens.

KW shared information about her presentation and the need to ensure that the BAY Team has depth of representation in each of the coalition sectors.

The award to the BAY Team was on display and staff reminded members that this is a reflection of the efforts of all the members.

The focus of the courses has shifted to more of an emphasis on marijuana and prescription drug prevention with some great presentations on each topic. Our coalition still seems to be ahead of the curve with many of our efforts, but it was enriching to return renewed with new ideas and the support of colleagues from across the country. The recipe cards and Barrington Challenge cards were very well received as was Kristen's presentation and her work on data.

Committee Reports

Parenting – the group has been busy planning two projects. One is a Stress Free garden spot at Hampden Meadows. The idea is to create

a low maintenance garden area where students can go to learn to relax when the school day is stressful. The school was planning, but did not apply for a BEF grant in partnership with the BAY Team. A meeting is scheduled for 2/24 to follow up.

We are also developing the lam program. In partnership with Dena Davis, this is a program for those who work with youth and also for youth. It is helping at risk youth learn to develop a passion or spark for something. It is also a “train the trainer” for those adults who work with youth – helping them to learn how they can help teens reach their potential and find a passion. We are still developing the logistics, but it is an exciting new project. The whole project will be filmed in a documentary style for future use, ie grant applications and education.

Marijuana – the committee is planning a regional meeting on April 8th. This is one of five taking place across the state. It will be a multi-disciplinary team of people to offer the science of marijuana and present its negative impact on teens. We have Joanne Royley, Mark Free (business/manufacturing perspective), BPD Officer Josh Mello – Drug Recognition Expert, Donna Darmody of RWU,

Policy and Prescription Drug – we are combining these two committees because of lack of numbers on both. Next mtg is on 2/26 at 4 at the town hall.

BAY Youth – Very busy in the next few months! Drive Alive program on 3/13, Kick Butts Day on 3/18 (to include information on e-cigs), Save a Life Tour on 4/8 and Mocktails on 4/9.

More training for the administrative support team in suicide prevention and follow up.

Social Justice – this is a new committee that will be working through the faith community to support youth. The first task is a Circle Process, getting the teens to identify the social issues they view as problematic and look at ways to address those issues. Next meeting 3/2/at 4 pm.

Executive Board Proposal –Staff presented the attached document on a proposal for an Executive Board for the BAY Team. (see attachment for details). Discussion followed about the nature of the roles, and outline of the need for them to help strengthen and sustain the efforts of the BAY Team. Ideally, the board would be a mixture of volunteers and paid members (school, police employees, etc).

Please take time to read this and ask us any questions. We look forward to nominations by 3/15. Please send your nominations to Kathy at ksullivan@barrington.ri.gov

Any Other Business:

Adjourn