



Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School
200 Lincoln Avenue
October 5, 2015 at 8:45 am.

Goals of Meeting: Update on staff changes and plans
Update on new data
Welcome members for a new school year

Minutes

Presentation 2015 Student data was reviewed. The BAY Team has had considerable success in bringing youth usage down since data collection began in 2009. However, there are significant concerns about the emergence of electronic cigarettes. This is the first year we collected data on e-cig use and have found that close to 30% of 10th-12th grade students have tried e-cigs. Roughly 20% of students in these grades are considered current users.

Parent data was also just collected at the Middle School and High school open houses. Questions this year included subjects' views on marijuana legalization and the potential for subsequent retail sales in Barrington. Analysis to follow.

Other events that occurred in past months include the Drug Take Back Event held on 9/26 where 185 pounds of unwanted medication was collected. Also, on 9/22 and 9/26 all Barrington alcohol servers and sellers were trained per town ordinance. In June Camp iAm was held for a week for selected middle school students to help them find something that sparks a passion in them. Based on curriculum from the Search Institute, youth were exposed to various careers at the Hope Artiste Village, interviewed seniors at Atria Bay Spring, and participated in exercises based on Gardiner's theory of Multiple Intelligences. A documentary is in the process of being created based on the week and will be used to train adults in town who work with youth.

Update on staffing changes Kathy Sullivan has left her position as Coalition director and will now work for RISAS. The Executive Board is working with Kristen to fill that position. An assistant will also be hired.

State level update The Department of Health's Tobacco Control Program has awarded the BAY Team \$30,000 of CDC funding to address tobacco use in the East Bay. The scope of the project involves creating a youth council from Barrington, Bristol, Warren, and East Providence to conduct tobacco surveillance and events and educating policy makers about effect strategies, especially with regards to e-cigarette retailers.

Committee Reports

Parenting – This committee will focus on reaching parents of younger students and also on families transitioning out of the high school. The next meeting will be on **Tue 10/20 at 9am in the BAY Team conference room, lower level of Town Hall** and is chaired this year by Martha Donovan. msdonovan19@gmail.com

Marijuana - This committee will be creating a series of postcards to send to all Barrington residents with accompanying newspaper ads. In addition, a campaign involving students will focus on comic books on impaired driving. The next meeting is **Tue 11/3 at 10am in the Board Room 2nd floor Barrington Public Library**. This committee is chaired by Susan Freel safreel@cox.net

Policy/RX - This committee focuses on policy initiatives and oversees the annual liquor training, youth awareness classes for juvenile offenders of liquor laws, and some of the directives under the new tobacco grant. It is chaired by Claudia Gordon Cjgordon3@aol.com and next meets on **Tue 10/13 at 5pm at the Police Station**

BAY Youth/CHOICES – Joanne Royley, Student Assistance Counselor at BHS reports upcoming programs at the school: Chris Herren on 10/26, Thinkfast on 12/2, It Can wait – TBA. BAYouth meets weekly and will be working on other projects as well including addressing distracted driving. The SRO may want to attend BAYouth meetings to work on some of these projects. There was discussion about doing something on the Sunrise show to support the Graduated License requirements in RI. There is a new SAC at BMS named AM Finlay.

St. Andrews - Jonathon Alschuler reports they have contracted with consultants to provide a character building program and will share data they obtain. St. ill host Kevin Robinson on Wed at 1:30 and the DOT distracted driving presentation on 12/9

BCA – The school is wondering about data collection with their students. Kristen will check regarding this year's RI Student Survey.

Sustainability - The Executive Board is working on creating a product to show the BAY Team's impact through the years as a tool for securing future support and funding.

Any Other Business:

1. RISAS Conference 10/23 is at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick – contact Kristen if you wish to be registered for this conference on youth behavioral health.

http://www.risas.org/poc/view_doc.php?type=doc&id=55598

2. Members were asked to sign commitment forms and select a committee to participate on this year.

3. If anyone is interested in writing the BAY Team twice yearly newsletter, we have lots of content and just need someone to write it. Let Kristen know if you can help.

4. Every 15 seconds – this film originally created in CA, will be the basis for a new project we hope to lay the groundwork for this year. Dena Davis will be assisting and anyone interested in participating in the planning of this project should let Dena or Kristen know.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11/2 at 8:45am in the BHS Library