



## **Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force Drug Free Community Coalition**

Barrington High School  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
January 25, 2016 at 8:45 am.

**Goals of Meeting:** Committee plans and actions  
Update from state level agency

### **Minutes**

**Presentation** No presentation at this meeting

#### **State level update**

RISAPA-The RFP for the restructuring will be out in March with a start date of 1/1/17.

Tobacco Grant-The Tobacco Youth Council will be meeting tonight to get train in STARS, the statewide tobacco survey that will be done by the youth in the month of February. They will also start organizing for Kick Butts Day/Zombie Walk on 3/16/16. This grant is a regional model.

OSPA – VT put out an excellent report. We are looking to do something similar for RI to show legislators and the general public. A statewide video could be circulated through the PRC (Prevention Resource Center). There was a discussion on what school nurses would do if a child had medical marijuana.

#### **Committee Reports**

Parenting- This work group will be reaching out to younger children and those parents to see how we can best support them. They are sponsoring the Challenge Success survey that is now scheduled to be given in March. They are working on a workshop based on the Camp iAm project and will be looking at how best to support that program this year. The YMCA will pilot the workshop sometime in May for its summer camp leadership. They are looking to create a dynamic so the kids that don't buy in to prevention will and will be working with its partners to find ways to accomplish this. It is chaired by Martha Donovan [msdonovan19@gmail.com](mailto:msdonovan19@gmail.com). **The next meeting is 2/24/16 at 4:30 pm at the YMCA**

Marijuana –In addition to the VT report, this group is working on a video series on many different topics, each about 5 minutes in length. The comic book planning is going strong and John Morello will meet next with the youth on 2/10/16. There have been a lot of ideas generated. John is also offering a new presentation where he will read from his new book while

his artist, Kira paints. The painting will then be kept by the school. The final touches are being put on the faculty raffle. For one week there will be a different question asked of the faculty at both the middle and high schools on marijuana each day. If answered correctly, the teacher will be put into a raffle for that day. **The next meeting is 2/9/16 at 10:00 am in the BAY Team conference room.** This committee is chaired by Susan Freel [safreel1120@gmail.com](mailto:safreel1120@gmail.com).

Policy- The Policy Work Group is discussing the Barrington Liquor Training for next year, in the fall. They will be pulling a sub group together in the spring which will include people working in the industry. They would also like to widen the presenter field, strengthen systems, and look at the best way to handle repeat offenders. All in regard to the Youth Alcohol Class. **The next meeting will be held on 2/23/16 at Barrington Police.** Anyone interested is invited to attend. It is chaired by Claudia Gordon [Cjgordon3@aol.com](mailto:Cjgordon3@aol.com)

BAY Youth/CHOICE-There will be a parent forum on 2/23 at the high school on suicide prevention with a panel of experts. The following day there will be a presentation in advisory for the students. Chain Reaction Day is 1/26/16 and ThinkFast will be at the high school on 2/9. The sign for the high school parking lot developed by the students is waiting for final approval. Once completed, DPW will install it in place of the sign that is there now. The Challenge Success survey will be given on 3/10 and the results will take approximately 6 weeks to be evaluated. CHOICE has 15 members and they have been given the bulletin board outside of the dining hall. They are doing activities during National Drug Awareness Week (1/25-30) with a cluster contest that will test youths' knowledge of drugs. They will be creating and building an obstacle for the Tough Tiger event at Hampden Meadows School. They are hoping to have a display in the library of books that relate to healthy living/making positive choices.

BCA –They are working on a racial justice program and had taken a group of students to Monadnock this past weekend.

St. Andrews-They are doing a character building survey and are interested in doing a forum on suicide prevention/anxiety.

### **Any Other Business:**

Thank you to Jon Alschuler and Martha Donovan who handed out newsletters at the Arts Alive productions.

There was general conversation regarding The BAY Team being more visual so that residents are aware of what we are doing and why.

Denise and Kristen will be at the CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Forum from 1/31/16-2/4/16.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 3/7/16 at 8:45am in the BHS Library.