



EAST PROVIDENCE PREVENTION COALITION

March 10, 2014 Minutes

Attendance:

Katie Saraiva	Britney Dias
Courtney Lacerda	Catherine Legault
Scott Rose	Laura Levine
Sgt. John Andrews	Maggie Veiga
Jennifer Wall	Chief Joseph Tavares
Chief Joseph Tavares	Officer Andy Benoit
Officer Andy Benoit	Officer Doug Borden

1. **Introductory Remarks:** *Katie Saraiva*

- a) Call Meeting to Order- 6:06pm
- b) Welcoming
 - Chief Tavares, Andy Benoit & Pam Byrd- EPPC's newest voting members
- c) Introductions (Name, position on board, where you work)
- d) Announcements
 - **Birthdays**- Happy birthday Doug (March 9th), Pam (March 11th), and Chief Tavares (March 25th).
 - **Senate Announcement**- Mark Gee has announced his candidacy for Senate District 35 (East Greenwich). Good luck Mark!
 - **Katie's New Job**- received an international position in Japan and will be relocated there for at least 6 months. She leaves on April 20th. Katie will be resigning from the EPPC. Best of luck Katie!
 - **Updates**- Britney announced she received a full time job at Macy's working in cosmetics. Maggie announced that she was accepted to Columbia University and will be going in August for her Masters in Social Work.

2. **Secretary's Report:** *Courtney Lacerda*

- a) Sign In Sheet- passed around. Asked everyone to sign and make any revisions.
- b) Approval of February Minutes- reviewed the February minutes. Doug Borden moved to accept the February minutes as written. Andy Benoit seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** *Scott Rose*

- a) Review of Expenses- grants & funding are being spent out accordingly.
- b) Update on grants/proposals- a proposal was created and submitted by the Executive Director to the Walmart Foundation based on a suggestion from an employee. The total amount applied for was \$1,500 and if funded, the scope of work would be supplies for the Townie Leadership Academy. The EPPC will be notified within 90 days of the decision.
- c) Fundraising Sub-Committee Report
 - **Event Flyer**- passed around the event flyer for all to look at. Discussed if any changes needed to be made. No suggestions so the egg hunt flyer will be distributed as presented.
 - **Volunteers Needed For Egg Hunt/ Save the Date Form**- any board member who hasn't filled out and submitted an egg hunt volunteer form, please do so by the end of tonight's meeting. The EPPC is in good shape for volunteers, but trusted board members are needed in order to take money (photos, registration, raffle's). Doug asked about student volunteers and if Jen could let him know where numbers stood so he could stay on students to volunteer.
 - **Sponsorship**- sponsorships for the egg hunt are slowly coming in as well as golden egg prizes. A full report will be available during the fundraising sub-committee meeting which immediately follows our board meeting.

4. **Programmatics:** - *Jennifer Wall*

- a) Programmatic Update- reviewed the document in everyone's packet. Discussed upcoming meetings/events between this meeting and the next. Answered questions.
- b) Prevention Advisory Committee
 - **Certified Prevention Specialists**- this new committee of the Governor's Council on Behavioral Health, will be made up of different sectors in the prevention field. The EPPC Executive Directors nomination was accepted, and she will represent Certified Prevention Specialists. This group meets quarterly, and will guide prevention efforts for RI.
 - **Rolling Nominations Accepted**- if anyone is interested in being a part of this board, nominations can be submitted to the RI Prevention Resource Center and will be accepted on a rolling basis until all designated spots are filled.

- c) Zombie Walk- there will be a Zombie Walk event occurring in honor of the National Kick Butts Day on Wednesday March 19th. It will be a state-wide event taking place at the state house, then in Kennedy Plaza and ending at the Fleet Skating Center. Any high school students who would like to dress up as Zombie's to encourage the living to quit smoking, are encouraged to participate. More info can be found on the facebook page which the EPPC linked too or by calling the Department of Health. The EPPC has arranged a bus to pick up students from EPHS to take them there and arrangements are being made to sign kids up.
- d) MADD Mocktail Competition- will take place on April 9th at LaSalle Academy in Providence from 6:30-8:30pm. East Providence is not competing in the non-alcoholic beverage competition, but schools/community groups from all over the state are. Anyone who would like to attend to taste test and receive a mocktail recipe book, are encouraged to do so. This event is free and put on by MADD.
- e) Prescription Drug Take Back Day- will take place on Saturday April 26th from 10-2pm at the EP Police Department. Volunteers are needed to staff the event because the EPPC Executive Director will be out of the state on vacation. Courtney, Doug and Scott said they may be able to assist and will confirm with Jen.

5. **Other:** - *Katie Saraiva*

- a) Basement Cleaning/Storage Situation- Courtney has agreed to assist Jen and a community service volunteer in going through EPPC assets in the City Hall basement as requested by Ed Catelli. Items need to be consolidated, thrown out and reorganized to fit into a smaller space. This will take place on March 13th starting at 5:30pm. If anyone else is interested, let Jen know asap.
- b) EPPC New Member Orientation & Networking Event- Monday March 24th- Davenport's Restaurant EP. A new member orientation will take place from 5-6pm to go through roles and expectations. All EPPC voting members will meet for networking, food and drinks form 6-8pm. Funding is not available to pay for meals/drinks. This is an opportunity for board members to get to know each other better.
- c) New Business- no new business raised at this time.

6. **Trending Now:** - *Katie Saraiva*

- a) Opiate Overdose Articles- reviewed articles in packets, "Save A Life-Know What To Do If Someone is Overdosing on an Opiate", "Health Insight: Support group to start in R.I. for those suffering the loneliest grief", "Police warn friends, loved ones of addicts Narcan is not a cure-all".

- c) Opiate Overdose Discussion- discussed the scope of the problem in East Providence. Chief Tavares stated that there have been 14 overdoses in East Providence to date, one of which was death resulting. Andy Benoit has been assigned to the Vice Squad to assist with this epidemic and is learning a lot about the scope of the problem. Most of the overdoses have to do with heroine being laced with Fentanyl. Three dealers in East Providence have already been arrested. Laura mentioned that CODAC East Bay is educating all their patients about where and how to get Narcan. The EP Police Department are looking in the nasal spray injection as a quicker more effective means when an overdose occurs. Looking into having a supply in each police car. Some questions raised during this discussion include: nasal spray versus injection and emphasizing that treatment needs to be part of educating addicts and loved one's versus just the Narcan treatment.

- d) Opiate Overdose Prevention Forum & Media Articles- the EPPC has taken the first step to work with local media outlets to educated the public about opiate overdose and prevention. The article has already been printed in numerous publications. A discussion took place about following other communities leads in hosting an opiate overdose forum in East Providence. Laura (CODAC East Bay), the EP Police Department and others expressed interest. It was decided that we would further pursue this idea at our next meeting and the forum would probably take place in May.

7. Closing Remarks: *Katie Saraiva*

- a) Next Meeting
 - April 7, 2014

- b) EPPC Fundraising Sub-Committee Meeting Immediately After- anyone on the sub-committee or who is interested in having a voice about the egg hunt, is welcomed to attend.

- c) Motion to Adjourn- Doug moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm. Laura seconded. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.