



EAST PROVIDENCE PREVENTION COALITION

February 10, 2014 Minutes

Attendance:

Katie Saraiva	Jennifer Wall
Courtney Lacerda	Chris Gasbarro
Scott Rose	Brigitte Haywood
Sgt. John Andrews	Catherine Legault
Chief Joseph Tavares	Elmer Pina
Officer Andy Benoit	Pam Byrd
Laura Levine	Scott Carvalho
Britney Dias	Anna Przejemska Meehan
Officer Doug Borden	Casey Mclear

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

- a) Call Meeting to Order- 6:07pm
- b) Welcoming
 - BHDDH Fellow Anna Przyjemska Meehan
 - Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park General Manager Casey Mclear
 - Any new potential board members who attended last meeting (Pam, Chief Tavares, Andy)
- c) Introductions (*Name, position on board, where you work*)
- d) Announcements
 - **Birthdays**- no birthdays this month
 - **Recovery**- welcome back Sgt. Andrews.

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

- a) Sign In Sheet- passed around and asked everyone to make any necessary changes.
- b) Approval of December & January Minutes- reviewed the December and January minutes. Elmer moved to accept the December minutes as written. Officer Borden seconded. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed. Elmer moved to accept the January minutes as written. Sgt. Andrews seconded. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.
- c) Membership Discussion- Chief Tavares, Officer Benoit and Pam Byrd have all attended 3 consecutive meetings in a row. Each was given an opportunity to discuss why they would like to become voting members. They were asked to leave the room with the Executive Director. Current voting members discussed each person. Brigitte moved to accept Officer Andy Benoit as a voting member of the EPPC board of directors. Officer Borden seconded. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Laura moved to accept Pam Byrd as a voting member of the EPPC board of directors. Officer Borden seconded. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed. Officer Borden moved to accept Chief Tavares as a voting member of the EPPC board of directors. Sgt. Andrews seconded. All were in favor. No one opposed. Katie abstained. Motion passed.

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

- a) Review of Expenses- grants & funding are being spent out accordingly. An expenditure report was passed around.
- b) Fundraising Sub-Committee Report (Catherine, Andy, Courtney, Kevin)
 - Egg hunt is on April 12th with a rain date of April 19th at the Crescent Park Carousel. The carousel will be opened and has donated a free ride to all participants.
 - Volunteers Needed For Egg Hunt on April 12th, especially EPPC Board volunteers so that they can handle the money and prizes.
 - Sponsors Needed At All Levels- sponsorship brochures are available and were passed around.

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

- a) Programmatic Update- reviewed the document in everyone's packet. Upcoming meetings/events between this meeting and next.
- b) Educational Assemblies at EPHS
 - **Recap Texting & Driving Attorney General Assembly**- went very well. Elmer Pina was in attendance as an EPPC Board member. Chief Tavares and Officer Borden both spoke. Received a letter from the Attorney General thanking us for our participation. Kids were very receptive. Had about 250 students sign pledge to not text and drive.
 - **Collaboration with EPHS PTSA for Motivational Speaker**- PTSA President Felicia is preparing a legislative grant which instead of funding the Post Prom Party, would fund an educational speaker. Jen assisted in preparing the application and is speaking with other communities about collaborating in order to bring costs down. Vice Principal Wallace is on board and is very supportive.
 - **Collaboration with Kerry Taylor at 212 Health & Performance**- Kerry has agreed to create an assembly for Freshmen or Sophomores on healthy eating and exercise. Kerry is a former Patriots player who owns 212 Health and Performance in Rumford.
- c) Townie Leadership Academy Cohorts 1 & 2 Report- reviewed the report.

d) Alcohol Policy Meeting Update- Jen met with the City Clerk, Gary Dias and a Sgt. From the police department about next steps pertaining to responsible beverage service ordinance and the penalties for serving a minor. The next step will be to meet with the City Council. Chris discussed the importance of the Cops & Shops program and stressed how important it is to partner with alcohol license holders.

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

a) Coalition Member Surveys Review & Action Steps- Katie, Courtney, Scott and Jen met to review the Coalition Member Surveys. No major flags were raised. One area that we could improve upon was raising awareness about emerging drug products and trends. Consequently, the “Trending Now” section will be present in all EPPC Board meetings. A different topic will be chosen each month. Sometimes it will be to just raise awareness and other times there may be action steps attached. Katie reviewed with Board members what to do if a Board member has a concern. It should first be discussed with the Chair or another Executive Board member or Jen. This way it doesn’t fester until the next time the surveys are completed.

b) New Business- no new business.

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

a) Medical Marijuana Advertising & Sales- reviewed article on medical marijuana advertising. Discussion took place on advertising tactics and what that means with youth access. Chief Tavares asked Chris Gabarro about his feelings on marijuana getting legalized in RI, since he is a business owner. Chris mentioned that for a variety of reasons he is against it.

c) Snacks Laced With Marijuana- reviewed article on snacks laced with marijuana. Discussion took place on these snacks what that means with youth access. Discussion around the Heroin epidemic began and was tabled till next meeting. That would be the “Trending Now” topic.

7. **Closing Remarks:** *Katie Saraiva*

a) Next Meeting

➤ March 10, 2014

➤ Parent From Orlo Ave will be in attendance to discuss collaborating with the EPPC and the elementary school.

b) EPPC Fundraising Sub-Committee Meeting Immediately After

c) Motion to Adjourn- Officer Borden moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Chris seconded. No one opposed. Motion passed.