

MIDDLETOWN PREVENTION COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2017

MIDDLETOWN TOWN CHAMBERS

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting began at 6:07pm.

- **In attendance: Lori Verderosa (MPC Coordinator), Tom Lyons (Chair, Business), Jennifer Baldwin (DFC Coordinator), Jon Brett (Healthcare), Susan Schenck (Other Organization), Helen Sowinski (Civic/Volunteer), Meghan Guild (Parent), Alexa Furtado (Media), Kristen Petraca (Youth Serving), Dave Guerriero (Law Enforcement), Anne Schultz (Youth Serving), Jaegil Lee (Faith), Pamela Martin (Military Liaison), Dennis Soares (School), Beatrice Casaula (Student Assistance Counselor), Jamie Lehane (Other Org)**
- **Excused absence: Rick Lombardi (Governmental Liaison), Laurie Pauley (Faith), Jake Cathers (Vice Chair/Parent), Hannah Gibbison (Youth). Kate Manning (Other Org), Hillary Leonard (Media), Cameran Mas (Student Assistance Counselor)**
- **Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.**

2. Meeting minutes from Oct 26th reviewed.

3. Financial Reports

- **Financial updates discussed.**

4. In the News

- Jenn provided an informative handout summarizing the latest news articles.

5. Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee has kept its focus on membership & sustainability. Discussed the TRL and looking at grant writing for sustainability development.

6. Communication Committee

- Nothing to report.

7. Policy Committee

- First hearing of revised TRL held on Nov 20th. Lori thanked all members that came in support and those who spoke at the hearing. Members are encouraged to attend Monday's hearing Dec 4th.

8. Needs Assessment workgroup.

- Student Health and Wellness survey will be held Dec 14th (Grades 11 & 12), and Jan 4th (Grades 9 & 10). Dennis asked for volunteers to help administer the surveys.

9. Military Outreach Committee

- Committee has not met. Letter to the editor was published in NDN and NTW recognizing November Military Family Appreciation Month.

10. Islanders Committed:

- **Lunch & Learns.** Sessions are being held during Wednesday lunches by community subject matter experts. Attendance has been good, and sessions have been well received.
- **Substance Use and Student Wellness presentations** will be held Dec 5th and 7th. Students are working on their presentation skills.

11. Coordinators reports:

- **Jenn – Drug Takeback day** was held at Middletown Police Station.
- **Took two students to VAASA leadership workshop**, attended by high school students across the state.
- **Lori – referred to her written report.**

12. Topic of the Month:

- **Coalition 101 session continued.** Members were split into three groups focusing on alcohol, marijuana and tobacco, to research data from Student Health and Wellness surveys. Group work was started on Logic Models to address community issues in the three areas.

13. Old Business

- **Nothing to report**

14. New Business

- **Polled members on availability for a meeting on Dec 21st.** Please let Jenn know if dates change.

15. Adjournment:

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.**

Next full committee meeting will be Dec 21st.