

MIDDLETOWN PREVENTION COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2018

MIDDLETOWN TOWN CHAMBERS

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting began at 6:10pm.

- **In attendance: Tom Lyons (Chair, Business), Jon Brett (Healthcare), Jake Cathers (Vice Chair/Parent), Kate Manning (Other Organization), Kristen Petrarca (Youth Serving), Pamela Martin (Military Liaison), Dennis Soares (School), Laurie Pauley (Faith), Anne Schultz (Youth Serving), Meghan Guild (Parent), Linda Leonard (Schools), Lori Verderosa (Coalition Coordinator), Jennifer Baldwin (DFC Grant Coordinator).**

- **Excused absence: Rick Lombardi (Governmental Liaison), Helen Sowinski (Civic/Volunteer), Dave Guerriero (Law Enforcement), Jaegil Lee (Faith), Sherrill Warch (Grandparent), Jamie Lehane (Other Org),**

- **Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.**

2. Meeting minutes from Mar 22nd reviewed.

- **The Chair made a motion to approve minutes, Jon seconded, motion approved.**

3. Financial Reports

- **Financial updates provided by Lori. April 28th is our hearing with the Town budget committee.**

- **3 reports in your packets, highlighted the PFS grant, esp. 450.00 for the Lunch and Learn series in May**
- **RISAPA related to the end of Project Purple and the Volleyball tourney; printing of the MOMC tent cards, training for CPSS, then salaries and fringe.**
- **Tom states that the FY is coming to an end in a few months; time to make our presentation to the Town Council on Saturday at 4:30!**

4. In the News

- **Jenn provided an informative handout summarizing the latest news articles for us to review. This includes the articles about Jon Brett's new Partial Hospitalization Program and also Tom's letter to the editor for MOMC.**
- **Lori asked Jon Brett to discuss his new Partial Hospitalization Program: Jon states that Mental Health Care step up and step down care settings in the mental health field are key to patient outcomes. Partial Hospitalization program spans those gaps. Jon Brett is the leader of that program at the Newport Hospital. Now there is a new concurrent program that combines mental health and addiction tracks for adults 18 and up, there are 20 seats in the program(s). It is in the 3rd floor of the Borden Carey building. This is a direct result of the needs survey conducted a few years ago. This is a 2-week program, there is a family component, working to stabilize the family and allowing them to move forward.**
- **Jake: states he is seeing a tremendous uptick in media coverage on the issue of vaping; hopes that will expedite more programs and**

highlight the need to combat this.

- **Jenn: workshop at RIC Friday April 27 on vaping. Just FYI.**

5. Executive Committee

- **The Executive Committee focused on the Volunteer Recruitment, Orientation and (AKA the Capacity Building Engagement Workshop held on March 26th. We agreed to use the NCPC agenda and make it work for our MPC members.**

6. Communication Workgroup

- **Jake; continuing on developing and revamping our MPC website. Met to review sample websites of other coalition websites that we like.**
- **At the point where we are beginning to draft the website; working with the vendor on it.**

7. Policy Workgroup

- **Workgroup met 24 April, but Kate Manning has joined the Policy Committee.**
- **Meg Barret has resigned due to family needs.**
- **Kate Manning: we went over the MPC Workgroup revisions, including all the student substance use and student wellness policies. They are in your agenda packets. Please review. Meg made a motion to accept revisions, Jake seconded. Voted to approve.**
- **Lori says these policy recs have to go to the Middletown Super and there may be some vetting before they are voted on by the School**

Committee.

- **Dennis suggests that we need to tighten up the definitions in the “Paraphernalia” wording, being more specific, to ensure that we have detailed itemized lists for school administrators, parents, etc.**
- **Social Host Ordinance: studied guidance on the policy and comparing it to the California policies for reference**

8. Needs Assessment workgroup

- **Jenn met with the HS secretary to make up groups for the needs assessment survey**
- **Survey in May and then we will meet again once the data is gathered**
- **Meet August 20 to plan for the upcoming school year’s survey. This is the Monday before the MPC August meeting. No time set yet.**

9. Alcohol Awareness month workgroup

- **No input for the group.**

10. Military Outreach workgroup.

- **Month of the Military Child was in April. Tent cards for the schools highlighting celebrity military kids were on the lunch tables at High School. We didn’t purchase dog tags for our elementary school military kids, but we opted to do the less expensive purple ribbons to mark the occasion. Certificates and ribbons were handed out at the elementary level and were well. Forest Ave had a band, a flag folding demo, a parade, etc. Lori and Jenn were at the event and raved about it!**

- Tom asked the group for volunteers for the Military Outreach workgroup.

11. Islanders Committed:

- No input for the group. No reps from IC were present.

12. Project Purple Workgroup:

- No report made to the group.

13. Coordinators reports:

- Printed reports provided, see your packets and review.
- Lori asks the group to please publicize the Dive in Movie Night at the YMCA
- Anne Schultz from the YMCA stresses that we will go forward regardless of the headcount on May 12 because it is good practice for future sessions.

May 12th 7-10pm will be the dive in at the YMCA

- “Saturday Night Live” events are to be held on the 5th and 19th of May. Content TBA.

Jake Cathers had to leave at 6:40 pm because he had a family emergency: we lost our quorum

- Jon Brett states that May 10 is Mental Health Awareness Day at Newport Hospital from 5-7 pm. There will be tables and vendors to educate, and from 6-7 pm there will be a panel on “Breaking the Stigma”, including a

NAMI rep, Middletown Chief of Police Pesare, a family member and a

patient representing.

14. Topic of the Month:

• Was to have been a summation of the Capacity Building Retreat held last month in Middletown. The goal was to have been to cover the main topics and prepare a “Next Steps” packet. Loss of Quorum has postponed this.

15. Old Business

• See above committee reports

16. New Business:

• Nominating Committee is Helen, Tom and Dennis
• Drug take-back day April 28th at the Police Station. Volunteers will be Dennis from 10-12, and Meghan from 12-2pm.

17. Adjournment:

• Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm due to losing our Quorum. Jake Cathers had to leave due to a family emergency.

Next full Middletown Prevention Coalition committee meeting will be

May 24th.