

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
 Monthly Coalition Meeting—Thursday, December 3rd, 2009

Present: Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Ruth Clay, Maureen Beecy, Jeff Bolduc, Maureen Buzby, Laura Dubiel, Diane Ely, Jan Flynn, Trisha Keane, Donna Macdonald, Mary Beth Margolis, Bianca Palumbo, Michael Plumer, Marie Ryan, Joe Singer, Emma Svoboda, Anna Tramontozzi. **Total Attendees:18.**

Sectors represented: Youth, Parents, Civic/Volunteer Groups, Media, Schools, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies.

Next Meeting Dates:

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations).
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting: **Thursday, January 7, 2010– 8:30-9:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions -Kara	-Role Assignments	-Sign in sheet (Ruth), Table Tents (Donna), Latecomers (Maureen). -Marie Ryan appointed Reader and Jeff Bolduc handled Timekeeper role. -It was noted that this was first time meeting on our <u>new meeting day</u> – Thursday mornings.
Youth Action Team -Joe S.	-Current Efforts -Coalition Discussion -Next Steps	-Fall Environmental Scans completed. Kara has copy of spreadsheet. Teen leaders met 11/30. -Melrose Draws the Line initiative will be reinvigorated winter/spring. YAT looking for help in disseminating info in business community via flyers, etc. Joe S. explained campaign and website (user-friendly). -Planning for EnviroScan data distribution and follow-up. -MDTL phase 2 to be promoted in school during lunch periods and school events. Marijuana prevention to be combined with MDTL. -Media Literacy – Charlie to conduct assemblies at Hoover and Lincoln Schools in the Spring.
Coalition Business -Kara	-November 9 th meeting minutes -Current Efforts/ Coalition Discussion	-Approved, as written. -FY’ 10 (year 4) DFC budget – Kara presented spreadsheet to group with listing of dedicated monies spent (mostly salaries/benefits), expected expenditures and money available for initiatives through 9/30/10. It was also noted that MSAPC has a donation account balance

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	-Next Steps	of \$2290.00 to date. -Planned to discuss Action Team Work plans (NCHC feedback) but will hold until January meeting.
Task Team Updates -Kara	-Current Efforts/ Coalition Discussion -Next Steps	- Pride Survey – to be conducted this year with parents of students in grades 5, 7, 9 and 11 (MPS, St. Mary’s and the Voke) and with faculty/staff of same. Some discussion on how to save on costs involved in mailings. -Asked for school rep volunteers (Jeff B. at MHS and Maureen Beecy at MVMMS) and help with mailings in mid and late January (Maureen Buzby and others to help). -To postpone discussion until next month on Membership Task Team and SBIRT Task Team (Cornelia Walsh to discuss at January meeting).
School Action Team -Jan	-Current Efforts/ Coalition Discussion -Next Steps	-NCHC observation report on Project Northland Class Action - feedback showed that Steve Fogarty did the best he could with curriculum given classroom time constraints. Extended Coalition discussion related to revisiting a comprehensive health/prevention curriculum for K-12. → Is there anything we can do as a Coalition? → Problems with finding time to fit in Project Northland at Middle School level. The money and energy invested in training and implementing in classrooms should translate into sustainable programs (which grantors want to see). →SHAC resistant to change in large part because of fiscal constraints, as is the case in many communities. →Collaboration will be the key – implementing programs in Science classes vs. Health and Wellness (?), utilizing school nurses (?), re-energizing Project Northland at Middle School level and then “growing it down” into elementary schools. -Student Assistance Team to be combined with IST. MHS Guidance and MWH to develop Action Plan.
Other -Janet	-AT updates	-In packet

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	<p>-Articles of interest</p> <p>-Training Calendar</p>	<p>-In packet – Youth binge drinking/Misuse of RX meds by youth – with references to current YRBS stats penciled in.</p> <p>-Of particular note: our own Donna Mac to present at NECHC luncheon 12/16/09 on Social Host Liability!</p>
Announcements -Kara	-SPOTLIGHT!!	<p>-On Officer Mike Plumer!!! Mike is joining us as our new Police Department liaison. We are thrilled to have Mike on board to assist in Tip Line and other collaborations and look forward to our long, mutually rewarding relationship. Welcome, Mike!!</p> <p><u>NEXT COALITION MEETING:</u> <u>Thursday, January 7th, 2010 – 8:30-9:30 am in Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.</u></p>
Community Concern/Open Forum		-Lots of Coalition discussion during School Action Team portion of meeting. No additional input/concerns.
Networking and Adjournment		<p>-Informal networking</p> <p>-Meeting adjourned at 9:30.</p>