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UPDATES
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<p>Action Teams</p> <p><i>Guiding Good Choices Action Team – Donna</i></p> <p>-Updated files with Fall completion data. Set a date for our Action Team/ Best Practices meeting 01/11/10. Collaborated with Arlington, supplying them with Policy & Procedure manual and newly developed tools to assist them with their GGC program.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Start preparations of Spring workshops.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>Sports Organization Action Team –Trisha</p> <p>-Contact made with Mike Kasprzak of basketball league. The league will be partnering with us this season. Coalition banner was raised and hung at the Flynn Rink during the Melrose Youth Hockey holiday party. It will remain in place at the rink for the season.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Hang Coalition banner at basketball facility, distribute literature and giveaways at basketball games, basketball coach to give kids pep talk about making good choices.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>School Action Team – Jan</p> <p>-Student Assistance Team is moving forward via MHS Guidance collaborating with providers at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Investigating the implementation of existing K-12 health curricula is strong and uniform and possibility of one district-wide health curriculum in future.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Continue with Student Assistance Team. Ensure Project Northland Class Action will be taught to 9th/10th graders this Spring. MHS SADD Advisor and Coordinator moving forward with turning this year’s Pre-Prom forum into a SAMHSA Town Hall meeting.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

Police Action Team – Mike

-Dec 1: Got acknowledgment from Chamber of Commerce that they would distribute the Tip Line email to their membership. Dec 7: Allen attended the last Drug Recognition Meeting and distributed cards to about 12 attendees and talked about anonymous tips.

-Next Steps→ Tip Line: Contact Meredith Baker at Hallmark Health to discuss contacting doctors about the tip line. Walk Main Street and other business areas again with posters and cards. Mike to help with communications with Detective Bureau and collection of Tip Line statistics. Discuss how to push the existence and use of the Social Host Liability Law among the Police Department. Officers to assist with upcoming alcohol compliance checks.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Policy Action Team – Kara

-Marijuana Consumption Ordinance: inquiry made to regional Coalitions about status of their city ordinances (Dec 3rd). Letter sent to Liquor Licensing Commission addressing: alcohol compliance check assistance this Spring, responsible beverage server training options on City's website, City of Cambridge mentoring opportunity, and invitation to join Coalition (Dec 15th). Memo sent to Mayor and City Auditor requesting appropriation of \$ for two rounds of alcohol compliance checks (Dec 15th). Social Host Ordinance: inquired with Police Chief and City Solicitor to see if minor editing is warranted (Dec 28th).

-Next Steps→ Coordinator to meet with Cambridge to discuss strengthening Coalition's licensee partnership and how to better support the 3 member Commission (Jan 12th). City Solicitor, Coordinator, and Police Chief to bring Marijuana Consumption ordinance draft, Social Host edits, and alcohol compliance check funding request to Board of Alderman after new year/before budget discussions in March.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

Task Teams

Membership Task Team – Kara, Janet, and Maureen Buzby

-Development of Potential Member-Inbound and Potential Member-Outbound spreadsheets. Contacted existing members not heard from since last year.

-Next Steps→ Follow-up email to exiting members. Contact Potential Members-Inbound. Email or call individual Coalition members identified in "Potential Member-Outbound" spreadsheet to assist with targeted recruitment. Check in with Northeast Center for Healthy Communities about administration of FY'10 Coalition Assessment Survey. Rough draft of Coalition's Statement of Need/Informational Brochure to be laid out by graphic designer.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Task Team – Kara, Cornelia, and Maureen Beecy

-Currently, SBIRT at MWH is dormant. Working to change this now that the Joint Commission is finished.

-Next Steps→ Identify barriers to institutionalization. Set up plan to re-train. Discuss future funding.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.