

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, June 12, 2009

**Present:** Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Maureen Beecy, Maureen Buzby, Chris Casatelli, Charlie Ciccone, Eileen Dern, Diane Ely, Kathy Harlow, Trisha Keane, Paula Kelly, Donna Macdonald, Mary Beth Margolis, Marie Ryan, Cheryl Voigt, Anna Tramontozzi, Emma Svoboda, Sarah McGowan, Zeke Vainer, Rhiannon Martel, Elisa Lemack, Johnna Iannibelli. **Total attendees: 22.**

**Sectors represented:** Youth, Parents, Business community, Media, School, Youth-Serving Organizations, Religious/Fraternal Organizations, Civic/Volunteer Groups, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations) **Conference Room, Central Administration.**
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting: **Friday, July 10—9:00-10:00 am, Mayor’s Conference Room, City Hall. \*\*Please note time and location change.\*\***

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-Sign-in sheet (Donna M.), table tents (Maureen Buzby), latecomers (Paula). Member duties assigned at last meeting. Donna filling in for Ruth this month. -Dispensed with reading of Mission/Vision for this meeting.
May 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved with addendum to list of Thank You recipients in last month’s Announcements portion. We wish to publicly acknowledge Nicole Lavery for all her work with YAT this year. Thank you, Nicole!
Police Action Team - Maureen	-Current Efforts   -Coalition Discussion   -Next Steps	-Reported on meeting with Saugus (Police/Square One Mall reps/community members) to promote anonymous tip-line in their community and Mall. -Member of Coalition donated car to Police to help with undercover surveillance. -Promotion of Walking, Talking and Listening through MPL, MAAV, Youth Softball and Memorial Day parade. Special thanks to Chief Lyle & Lt. Norton for their support!!  -Discussed email campaign action team wishes to undertake to compile list of community organizations with contact name(s) for information dissemination. Allen and Maureen working on this and will send out email list for members to edit/add information. Mary Beth said Community Coalition has some of this information.  -Continue with Walk, Talk, Listen. Finalize Tip-Line email campaign (see above). Idea is to have 2 phases: one mailing now and one in September.



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	-Articles of Interest	-From Mass.gov website: Info on Opioid overdose prevention, MassCall2, Good Samaritan Bill and promotional materials.
Announcements - Kara	- <b>SPOTLIGHT!!</b>  -Next Coalition meeting	-On <b>Maureen Beecy!!</b> You've come a long way with the Coalition, starting as a facilitator with the GGC program, now as member of that Action Team. You've stepped up to help with our sustainability plan and have volunteered to hang posters and disseminate info on our YAT initiatives! <b>We appreciate you for all that you are doing!</b>  <b><u>-Friday, July 10, 2009 – 9:00-10:00 AM in Mayor's Conference Room, Melrose City Hall</u></b> ****Please note: Summer meeting time and location.****
Community Concern/Open Forum – Say something out loud or put in on paper!	-Trisha/Zeke/Sarah  -Paula  -Maureen Buzby  -Donna	-Reported on successful MVMMS Drug Summit: Trisha attended all sessions, as Coalition member and parent, and students did as well. Lots of good feedback from students and Trisha which she will compile and submit to Principal Tom Brow. All agreed there were many powerful presentations but that many were similar. Also agreed that more publicizing so that parents and other community members might attend would be a good idea, as well as starting these types of programs in earlier grades (6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> ).  -Recommended a powerful book “Beautiful Boy” by David Sheff, documenting a father and son's struggles with the son's addictions.  -Gave props to Chief Lyle for his on-going promotion of Tip Line and recent quote in paper comparing numbers of overdose deaths vs. deaths in the war in Iraq (sobering note). -Noted how Chief Lyle has publicized stronger heroin coming from Lynn area.  -Some discussion on how Common Ground may be perceived as “cliquey”. Agreed it may be a good idea to revisit Common Ground over the summer.
Networking		-Skipped.
Adjournment		-At 9:15 am. <b>Meeting followed by Annual Planning Session with Peg Sallade from 9:15-10:30. Separate minutes.</b>

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