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**UPDATES**  
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<b>Topic</b>
<p><b>Guiding Good Choices Action Team—Donna</b></p> <p>-Sustainability Plan work continued: Eastern Bank Community Grant application filled out and sent in to cover 2009/2010 facilitator stipends. Revised GGC brochure to include donation request, \$10 participant fee, and website; ordered and arrived. Labeled existing brochures to update with changes.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Enter pre/post survey data for Spring 2009 workshops. Establish Fall workshop dates and who will facilitate. Set Best Practice meeting and Tech training.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p><b>Policy Action Team—Kara (local) and Paula (state)</b></p> <p>-<i>Local</i>: Sent statement to LLC Chairman to read at July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Emailed Police Chief, Alderman Brodeur, and City Solicitor to determine when best to present public marijuana consumption ordinance. <i>State</i>: Attended Northeast Centers' State Policy Luncheon—June 19<sup>th</sup>. Future plan = have 2 - 3 Coalition members join with members from surrounding Coalitions to work together on state policy issues creating a wider, stronger base of power.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ <i>Local</i>: Finalize mentoring for next year with Cambridge Prevention Coalition, specifically focusing on liquor licensing partnerships—meeting July 24th. Public marijuana consumption ordinance to be presented to Board of Alderman. <i>State</i>: Paula to contact regional Coalition coordinators to determine where they are in the process of state policy issues.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p><b>School Action Team—Diane</b></p> <p>-Awaiting Project Northland Class Action observation data report by Northeast Center for Healthy Communities.</p> <p>-Next steps→ School Committee policy chair to let us know if we can assist in any way with policy follow-up this summer/fall.</p>

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

### Sports Organizations Outreach—Trisha

-Met with Kara to discuss goals for next year. Initial contact made with reps for football and basketball leagues.

-Next steps→ Determine course of action with football and basketball leagues for fall and winter seasons. Contact hockey league to plan our continued involvement for next season.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.