

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, May 8, 2009

Present: Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Katherine Hartigan, Zeke Vainer, Sarah McGowan, Maddie Wyse, Charlie Ciccone, Maureen Buzby, Maureen Beecy, Paula Kelly, Chris Casatelli, Tom Brow, Nicole Lavery, John Ross, Marie Ryan, Diane Ely, Ruth Clay, Donna Macdonald, Mary Elizabeth Ford, Trisha Keane, Mary Beth McAteer-Margolis, Allen Swartz, Richard Cohane, Dawn Jacobs, Rhiannon Martel, Elisa Lemack, Johnna Iannibelli.

Total attendees: 27.

Sectors represented: Youth, Parents, Business community, Media, School, Youth-Serving Organizations, Law Enforcement, 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, June 12, 2009 – 8:30-10:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Social/Networking Half Hour!	-Surprise Baby Shower for Kara and Baby Showers!	-Originally planned (Coalition member’s suggestion) as an opportunity for members to socialize from time to time before our monthly meetings, the morning turned into a stealthily planned and well-attended baby shower for our comrade and mom-to-be, Kara! Lots of fun! -Richard Cohane took pictures – including group shots for FY’09 Annual Report!
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-In addition to role assignments chosen at monthly meetings, some members assigned regular meeting duties. Ruth will be in charge of sign-in sheet, Maureen B. and Donna M. will handle table tents and Paula will make sure latecomers are taken care of. Thanks, all. -Chris C. was appointed Reader and Richard Cohane was our Timekeeper for today’s meeting.
April 3 rd Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written.
Environmental Strategies Energizer – Charlie/Maddie	-What Works in Substance Abuse Prevention?	-Hand-out given to members. Used list of school/police/community strategies to determine which would cause a “Ripple” effect (better long term outcome) and which would cause “Splash” effect. The exercise was designed to heighten awareness on identifying effective ways to create community change. Nice job, Charlie and Maddie.

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	-Coalition Discussion	-Open Mic Night coming up at Teen Center on May 15 th . Nicole posting on MySpace page and encouraging 8 th graders to attend as well. -Coalition members asked to help with dissemination of MDTL materials. -Charlie thanked Middle School Coalition members for help with Media Lit.
	-Next Steps	-Continue with implementation of Drunk Driving campaign, Healthy Alternatives (collaborating with YMCA Common Ground), Media Lit and Marijuana Prevention. Begin Environmental Scans. Thanks to all our YAT members: Charlie/Maddie/K-Hart/Joe!!
Other Business – Janet	-Upcoming Trainings	-In packet
	-AT Updates	-In packet
	-Articles of Interest	-Including one on effectiveness of laws on underage drinking and prevention of auto fatalities and another on upswing on parent/teen conversations related to alcohol/drug use.
Announcements - Kara	- SPOTLIGHT!!	-On our fabulous Youth Action Team!! Charlie, Maddie, K-Hart and Joe have been working hard all year on many initiatives (see YAT updates above)!! They are all energetic, lively, engaged kids and we're thrilled to have them on board. Keep it up – you guys ROCK!!
	- And More Thanks!	-Thanks as well to all members who have been working with the YAT (Frank, the two Maureen B's (!), Donna M, Alicia S.) and attended CDRA sessions (Donna, Alicia, Charlie and Maureen Beecy).
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		*** Please note: Peg Sallade, planning consultant, will join us at 9:00 or 9:30 am***
Community Concern/Open Forum	-Kara	-Handed out form to be used if Coalition member has an issue or concern that they might not want to bring up publicly. Then form can be sent/e-mailed to Coordinator or Administrator.
	-Ruth	-Some discussion about Police Grant – additional patrols/alcohol compliance checks.
	-Janet and Kara	-Handed out tee shirts to Coalition members! Members of YAT received long sleeved tees

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		in recognition of their SPOTLIGHT awards.
Networking		-If you didn't have enough of Networking <i>before</i> meeting, find your Action Team point people!
Adjournment		-At 9:30 am.