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UPDATES
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Topic
<p>Police Action Team</p> <p>-Met with Chief and Mayor re: increasing enforcement to hold youth responsible for underage drinking. Chief and Mayor met with Judge Johnson to discuss court ramifications (17+ covered, 17- juvenile judge could be anyone). Extra patrols being utilized through underage drinking enforcement grant; to continue through May 30, 2009.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ 665-TIPS promotion to continue. Implementation of log spreadsheet discussed.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>Guiding Good Choices Action Team—Donna</p> <p>-Four spring workshops (running at Trinity Church with a total of 37 participating) are almost complete! Finishing last session.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ The Action Team will meet on 4/14. Looking at plans for sustainability and making any adjustments to the Policy and Procedure manual that still may be needed. Planning for Fall sessions. Recruit and train new facilitators.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>School Action Team—Diane</p> <p>-Pre-Prom Forum event was March 12th. School contracts were reviewed and the Coalition provided parents with baggies, which included pertinent Tips for Parents. MHS Student Assistance Team is up and running with referrals and meetings. Youth Risk Behavior Survey administration was March 23rd and 24th to 7-12th graders. MHS Athletic Policy addendum added to include “in presence of”: 1st violation = suspension from 2 contests, 2nd violation = suspension from 4 contests, plus referral to ATOD education.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Project Northland Class Action to be implemented this Spring to all 9th/10th graders through Health/Wellness classes. School Committee to approve updated school district policies around alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Assist Youth Action Team with Spring 2009 initiatives.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

Sports Organizations Outreach—Trisha

-Talking points distributed to Melrose Youth Hockey PeeWee and Bantam level coaches. Coaches have been asked to give the kids a "pep talk" before the end of hockey season to encourage them to make good choices. In the process of contacting the youth baseball leagues in the city to start building a relationship and see how we can support each other in the upcoming baseball season.

-Next steps→ Complete contacts with baseball leagues, provide banners to leagues for display at fields, distribution promotional items and literature to parents and kids at baseball games

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.