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UPDATES

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Topic
<p><i>Guiding Good Choices</i> Action Team—Donna</p> <p>-Public thank you to Trinity Church. Request to past participants to volunteer to be tech assistant to facilitator in Fall→ 3 volunteers found! Action Team meeting. Policy & Procedure Manual updates approved.</p> <p>-Next Steps→ Enter pre/post survey data for Spring 2009 workshops. Working on finding \$1500 facilitator funding for Fall 2009: Eastern Bank community grant app. GGC brochure in process of being updated. Set dates for Fall sessions. Train volunteers in September.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>School Action Team—Diane</p> <p>-Project Northland Class Action implementation and observation by Northeast Center for Healthy Communities (June 4th) complete.</p> <p>-Next steps→ School Committee policy chair to have conversations with the schools to make sure they are aware of the ATOD policy changes and are working on their own changes.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>
<p>Sports Organizations Outreach—Trisha</p> <p>-Coalition banner hung at Morelli Field for Babe Ruth baseball season and throughout the summer. Coaches of Melrose National Little League gave kids a pep talk about making good choices. Letter appeared in the Melrose Free Press and Melrose Weekly News acknowledging our partnership with Frank Sorrenti and the Melrose Youth Hockey league.</p> <p>-Next steps→ Discussion of sustainability for next year. Determine sport to focus on next fall and make initial contact.</p> <p>-Coalition discussion→ none needed.</p>

Policy Action Team—Kara (local) and Paula (state)

-Local: incorporated plan for local policy action into STOP Act grant. Worked with Cambridge Prevention Coalition to set up training for Melrose in 21 Proof (Responsible Beverage Server Training), now that's it required for all employees that serve/sell alcohol in Melrose. State: forward out Join Together's "What Addiction really costs your state".

-Next Steps→ Local: follow-up with Liquor Licensing Board re: BYOB, temporary (one-day) alcohols permit procedures, storing alcohol on premises, and enforcement of regulations (i.e. violations of alcohol compliance checks, alcohol advertising, responsible beverage server training). Public marijuana consumption ordinance to be presented to Board of Alderman: touch base with Police Chief, YAT, Mayor, City Solicitor. State: Senator Tolman's 911 Good Samaritan Bill in June monthly meeting packet.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.