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UPDATES
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Topic
<p>Guiding Good Choices Action Team—Donna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Four Spring workshops complete—95 families now completed! Public thank you to Trinity Church piece in works. Coalition Coordinator and GGC Coordinator met (April 29th). Action Team met to revise Policy and Procedure manual to reflect sustainability initiatives (May 5th). -Next Steps→ Team member will reach out to those participants that dropped out to get feedback. Will solicit past GGC participants to see if any are interested in volunteering to be a Tech/assistant in future workshops. Updating brochure to include \$10 fee for materials and coalition website info. Will supply Kara with an email list of past GGC participants to add them to Newsletter email list. -Coalition discussion→ none needed.
<p>School Action Team—Diane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School District alcohol, tobacco, and other drug policy revised and approved by 1st vote of School Committee on 4/28/09. -Next steps→ Project Northland Class Action to be implemented this Spring to all 9th/10th graders through Health/Wellness classes. Conversations with the schools to make sure they are aware of the policy changes and are working on their own changes. -Coalition discussion→ none needed.
<p>Sports Organizations Outreach—Trisha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Coalition banner hung at Conant Park for Melrose National Little League season. Water bottle and literature distributed to all Majors of Melrose National Little League. Contact made with leader of Babe Ruth baseball league. -Next steps→ Write-up to appear in Melrose Free Press acknowledging our partnership with Frank Sorrenti and the Melrose Youth Hockey league. Coalition will be acknowledged and banner will be displayed at Melrose Youth Hockey banquet on May 8th. Collaborate with Babe Ruth baseball league (hang banner at field, distribute information to players).

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.

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

-Local: met with Police Chief Lyle and City Solicitor to finalize public marijuana consumption ordinance to be presented to Board of Alderman on May 18th. State: identified Youth Alcohol Bill and Ignition Interlock Bill.

-Next Steps→ Follow-up with Liquor Licensing Board re: BYOB, temporary (one-day) alcohol permit procedures, storing alcohol on premises, and enforcement of regulations.

-Coalition discussion→ none needed.