

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Present:** Kara Showers, Maureen Buzby, Janet Nevin, Dawn Jacobs, Chuck Byrne, Gerry Mroz, Ben Ouellette, John Ross, Marie Ryan, Allen Swartz, Chris Casatelli, Nancy Madden, Rechele Jordow, Gail Norcross, Maureen Beecy, Francesca LoGrasso, Nicole Lavery, Diane Ely, Joe Blotner, Grace Berte, Donna Scannell, Donna Macdonald, Richard Cohane, John Noyes, Paula Kelly, Joe Dillon, Samantha McGrail.

**Sectors represented:** Youth, Parents, Business community, Schools, Youth-serving organizations, Law Enforcement, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies, Religious/Fraternal organizations.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Fri, May 9th– 8:30-10:00 am in Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-Richard C. appointed Reader, Donna M. appointed Timekeeper for meeting.
March 14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written
Energizer!	-MHS Imprint (student newspaper) Opinion Pieces  -Coalition Picture	-MHS students, Emma P. and Brett H. read their opinion page pieces on alcohol and substance abuse to Coalition members. -Richard C. took group photos.
Youth Action Team - Nicole	-Shoulder Taps  -Coalition Discussion  -Next Steps	-List going around to sign up Coalition members (adults and students) for specific dates in May. -Permission slips/training handouts distributed.  -Shoulder Tap Training: Tuesday, 4/29 – 12:30-2:30, Supt.’s Conference Room. Spring ST schedule: Malden 5/2, 5/3, 5/9. Wakefield 5/10, 5/16, 5/17 from 5-7 pm.
Healthy Alternatives Ad-Hoc Committee – Janet/Gerry	-Current efforts  -Coalition Discussion  -Next Steps	-Teen Nights @ the Y – Saturday, 4/12 and 4/26 (building on 2 nights in March – well attended) Have met with student government reps and have grant monies promised for events through end of FY08.  -Members asked to hang flyers for Open Gym nights. Chaperones?  -Finalize Healthy Alternatives spending for remainder of FY08. Continued collaboration with Mayor’s Office, Y, Common Ground, Health Dept.

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Police Action Team - Chuck	<p>-Current efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion/Next Steps</p>	<p>-Met 4/9/08 about Tip Line. Allen S., coordinator, has sign-up sheets for Coalition members.</p> <p>-Police department hired a drug detective – Patrolman Paul McNamara.</p> <p>-Members invited to sign up to “walk the streets” in pairs starting in the Spring. “Walk, Talk and Listen” – walk into businesses, get their input. Attend Church and community group meetings to get discussion going.</p> <p>-Richard C. asked about informational (protocol) sheet that could be developed and handed out to community business members re. Tip Line.</p>
School Action Team- Francesca	<p>-Current efforts</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Ongoing meetings/discussion about Student Assistance Team (SAT) @ MHS. Meetings set for 4/15 and 4/17.</p> <p>-Point person will meet with Joe Dillon to organize presentation of SAT to faculty/staff at faculty meeting in May, plan for training for faculty/staff prior to 7/08. Implement SAT 8/09.</p>
Community Awareness Campaign Action Team- Kara	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Continue FACE Youth Access campaign through library/school libraries.</p> <p>-Investigating follow-up with 1-on- 1 doctor visits via MWH Grand Rounds.</p> <p>-Malden ROCKS program no longer running. We will use up ROCKS materials but will NOT order more.</p> <p>-Solidify plans with MWH Grand Rounds.</p> <p>-Moving toward Social Norms Marketing in FY09 (Peg Sallade to help.)</p>
<i>Guiding Good Choices</i> Action Team – Donna M.	<p>-Current efforts</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-3 Spring Sessions @ St. Mary’s Parish Ctr. almost complete! (Facilitators: Robin/Donna S./Gail/Peggy/Donna M./Maureen B. – THANK YOU!)</p> <p>-Finish sessions! Follow-up AT meeting to review highlights and lessons learned in late April.</p> <p>-Hire a GGC Marketing Consultant to develop long/short-term strategic</p>

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		marketing plan for GGC.
Data Action Team - Ruth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Current efforts</li> <li>-Next Steps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Data Analysis for PRIDE surveys compiled by PRIDE survey company.</li> <li>-Power Point presentation to be put together for School Committee for Spring meeting. Team to evaluate whether to offer on-line feedback next time.</li> <li>-Meet with MWH about enhanced SBIRT data collection.</li> <li>-Meet with Melrose PD about reporting system.</li> </ul>
Other Business – Janet/others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Upcoming Trainings</li> <li>-Articles of Interest</li> <li>-Alcohol Compliance Checks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Calendar to be sent via email in the next week.</li> <li>-April is Alcohol Awareness Month!</li> <li>-Samantha M. and Maureen Buzby reported on compliance checks in Lynn (36 stops – 100% compliance!) Extremely well-done.</li> </ul>
Announcements - Kara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SPOTLIGHT on <i>Sam McGrail!</i></li> <li>-Service to Science application</li> <li>-SBIRT incorporation proposal</li> <li>-Next Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For her efforts on behalf of Coalition at Faculty-Student Basketball game and her consistent leadership with student action team initiatives, as a veteran (2 year) member. You ROCK, Sam!!</li> <li>-Have applied for a grant using Tip Line model. If accepted, we'd get help to get program off the ground – grant money – evaluation support. Should hear in the next week.</li> <li>-To be presented at MWH today. Working to incorporate screening questions into intake form.</li> <li><b>-Friday, May 9th, 2008– 8:30-9:30 am</b> <b>Superintendent's Conference Room, Central Administration</b></li> </ul>
Community Concern/Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Donna</li> <li>-Nicole</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Something to think about: Compliance checks with restaurants in Melrose? Great environmental strategy.</li> <li>-Selling raffle tickets for Melrose Skateboard Park (\$10 each – drawing</li> </ul>

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		to be held 4/27 for 50" plasma TV at MMTV).
Networking	-Find your Action Team point people!	
Adjournment	-At 9:30 am.	