

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

December 2008 Report

Coalition members, Coordinator, and Administrator:

- Organized/attended Coalition's monthly meeting (December 12th): 25 attendees
- State and federal FY'09 grants
 - Continuous billing and invoice collection done for state and federal grants
 - Fed FY'09 budget
 - Drawdown funds
 - Submitted Financial Status Report-Long Form 269
 - State FY'09 budget
 - Submitted line item amendment
 - EIM/ESM billing submitted twice
- Ongoing updating/stocking of resources in office and throughout community
 - SAP e-Resource card created, copied, laminated
- 2009 YRBS via School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
 - SHAC members attended December 9th School Committee meeting
 - Coordinator read collaborative statement in effort to answer members' Nov 25th questions
 - Questions were answered and funding request was approval in its entirety
 - Publicized – front page – Melrose Wkly News
 - Administration in Feb/March 2009
- High School Principal, Superintendent, and Coordinator visited North Shore Recovery High School in Beverly (December 16th)
- Coordinator met with Peabody Coordinator (December 3rd)
- Coordinator participated in Northeast Center for Healthy Communities regional conference call (December 17th)
- Coordinator and Planning Committee in discussions with new Northeast Center for Healthy Communities representative re: MOA, evaluation and sustainability assistance, and Coalition assessment survey
- Winthrop Elementary School
 - Isolated incident occurred December 12th: bag with cocaine residue brought to school by 3rd grader
 - Coordinator asked to assist Superintendent and Principal with follow-up to parents/students
 - Presentation including resources/tips given to parents (December 22nd)
- Newspaper Submissions(Melrose Free Press = 20,700 homes/businesses weekly, Melrose Weekly News = 9,000 homes/businesses weekly)
 - Be Aware of Drinking Messages We Send Our Young People
 - New Year – Old Myths, New Fatalities

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- IT developments
 - Data wiki
 - More data was posted
 - Access was given to those members interested
 - Technical difficulties with city webpage/e-newsletter
- Sports organization Action Team
 - Meeting with Athletic Director to follow-up from Nov 15th house party
- Police Action Team
 - Received grant for ~\$5,000 grant to conduct underage alcohol compliance checks, party patrols, and surveillance patrols from Dec 31 '08-May 31 '09
 - Planning, press release done. Publicized in Melrose Free Press.
 - 665-TIPS Tip Line
 - Promotion continues
- School Action Team
 - Diane Ely is the new Point Person!
 - Meeting to discuss follow-up from Nov 15th house party (December 10th)
- Youth Action Team
 - Prescription Drug Abuse Discussion Group (December 3rd)
 - 20 MHS teens attended
 - Data collected was compiled
 - Presented at monthly meeting
 - Concluded that marijuana is a more important issue
 - Performed “Games Teens Play” energizer at monthly meeting
 - Healthy Alternatives Discussion Group
 - Data collected was compiled
 - Presented at monthly meeting
 - Disseminated to Rec Dept, YMCA
 - Advisor and Coordinator Meetings (December 2nd, December 18th)
 - Finalizing timeline of the initiatives starting in January and ending in June
 - Each YAT teen leader will focus on one initiative
 - Researched websites/initiatives for media literacy, drunk driving, and marijuana prevention
 - Meeting with Tom Brow, Middle School Principal
 - Two dates were set up for YAT morning announcements (one is for the Tip Line Contest and the other for a YAT Middle School Club)
 - Media Literacy Campaign with Middle School Students reaching out to Elementary School Students is green lighted
 - Tip Line Contest will start Jan. 7th and end before February Vacation

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- Tom Brow will think about the “We Draw the Line” in the Middle School
- *Guiding Good Choices* Action Team
 - Meeting to discuss logistics for next workshop series (December 11th)
 - Fall 2008 data entered and analyzed
- Policy Action Team
 - In process of institutionalizing safeguards via Liquor Licensing Boards’ Advisory Committee a) advertising signage controlled b) compliance checks required c) mandatory server/seller training
 - Working through Advisory Committee drafts