

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, December 12, 2008

	-Next Steps	<p>meds, not antidepressants at HS level. Also Adderall – not a big problem at HS level - used more often by college age kids as a “study drug”.</p> <p>-Plans to move forward with YAT initiatives, based on focus group data, including marijuana feedback.</p>
Policy - Kara	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Next Steps</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p>	<p>-Our “safeguard” requests, submitted to City Solicitor, have been incorporated into new liquor licensing regulations: required compliance checks, mandatory server/seller training, advertising signage controls.</p> <p>-Meet with Liquor Licensing Board.</p> <p>-Discussion re. MBTAA Collaborative (handout in packet) and the number of alcohol ads on subway cars/buses. Are we interested in signing on as a Coalition to initiatives which would push limiting/banning these ads? Many Boston-area community organizations are already involved. Kara to reach out to her counterparts in other communities.</p>
Other Business - Janet	<p>-Upcoming Trainings</p> <p>-Action Team Updates</p> <p>-Articles of Interest</p>	<p>-See packet. E-newsletter was not available for updating this month.</p> <p>-In packet – please take a minute to read.</p> <p>-In packet – one on MA marijuana ballot initiative, one on underage drinking in Europe (should the US adopt the “European model”?)</p>
Announcements -Kara	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-SPOTLIGHT!</p>	<p>-YRBS funding approved by School Committee for Spring '09 (March?) administration to Melrose 7th-12th graders.</p> <p>-Wiki access (see attachment) discussed.</p> <p>-On Trisha Keane – our rockstar sports organization point person – for all of her efforts with coaches/parents in getting the Coalition’s name and mission out there in the community. She stepped right up to the plate and has received lots of positive response! Thanks, Trisha!</p>

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	Next Coalition Meeting	-Friday, January 12th, 2009 - 8:30-9:30 AM, Superintendent's Conference Room, Melrose High School.
Community Concern/Open Forum	<p>-Mary Beth/Donna</p> <p>-Nicole</p> <p>-Allen</p>	<p>-Some discussion about underage drinking party last month and whether we, as a Coalition, should consider making some sort of statement. Also talked about MIAA “loopholes” and getting involved with other communities in closing these loopholes. Donna suggested while we may not be able to make MIAA changes, WE can effect change locally.</p> <p>-Announced 2nd Annual Melrose Punk/Ska Radical Concert! December 20th @ Common Ground Teen Ctr. (Tremont St. Y) from 7-10 pm.</p> <p>-Tip Line: Group plans to “lay low” in December have two initiatives lined up in January: presentations to community elders and plans to distribute a questionnaire to local retailers to gauge their impressions about the Tip Line.</p>
Networking	-Find your Action Team point people!	
Adjournment	-At 9:30 am.	