

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, February 13, 2009

Present: Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Maureen Buzby, Chuck Byrne, Chris Casatelli, Charlie Ciccone, Jan Flynn, Mary Elizabeth Ford, Katherine Hartigan, Trisha Keane, Paula Kelly, Donna Macdonald, MaryBeth Margolis, John Ross, Alicia Savage, Joe Singer, Frank Sorrenti, Madeline Spinosa, Allen Swartz, Maddie Wyse. **Total Attendees: 20.**

Sectors represented: Youth, Parents, Business community, School, Media, Youth-Serving Organizations, Law Enforcement, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies, Other.

Next Meeting Dates:

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Friday, March 13th, 2009– 8:30-9:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-Allen Swartz appointed reader (and we DID read this time!) and Katherine Hartigan appointed timekeeper.
January 9 th Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written.
Energizer!- Joe	-Young People Slang	-Joe and YAT leaders led the group in a lively exercise in translating current kids’ slang (and yo, dawg, it was pretty wack!).
FY’09 Budgets - Kara	-Current Efforts -Coalition Discussion	-Presented current status of DFC Federal Grant (\$87,170), FY ending 9/29/09. Grant (5 year total) ends 9/11 – we are currently in 3 rd year. -Presented chart reflecting status on projected spending of \$33,750 from City of Melrose (to compensate for loss of State funding of \$37,500) through 6/30/09. -Went through budgets line by line. Discussed how majority of Federal grant is eaten up by salaries/ benefits for coordinator and administrator. (Clarification: Medicare costs for coordinator and administrator: ~\$1000. Health insurance for coordinator: ~\$16000. Sick leave buy-back: ~\$600.) More updates to come at future meetings. -Some discussion on how State monies budgeted for DPH will be contingent on passage of various taxes on alcohol, cigarettes, sugar. -Next year’s Federal money will be down to \$83K. Working with Northeast Center for Healthy Communities on sustainability plans. We will have to get more creative in identifying local funding opportunities.

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	<p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Kara and Ruth, together with Mayor Dolan, will be following the state budget process, working with Reps. Tisei, Clark and McGee to try to ensure Melrose SAPC continues to receive partial or full funding.</p> <p>-There is a large Federal grant opportunity out there called “Safe Schools, Healthy Kids”. Would require many community groups working together. May be something for us to consider next year.</p>
<p>Guiding Good Choices - Donna</p>	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Five workshops scheduled for Spring – to begin in early March. Have started promoting workshops through schools/community.</p> <p>-Updated and approved new Policy & Procedure manual.</p> <p>-Members asked for help to hang/distribute flyers.</p> <p>-Active promotion. Work on sustainability plan.</p>
<p>Policy Action Team – Kara</p>	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-House party follow-up meeting January 23rd.</p> <p>-Coordinator reported on 3 safeguard requests sent to City Solicitor/Advisory Committee to be incorporated into updated liquor licensing regulations related to control of advertising signage, compliance checks and mandatory server/seller training (one option being 21 Proof, a program being used in Cambridge).</p> <p>-Some discussion re. 21 Proof program. Coalition member asks if it’s a recognized program- like Serv Safe. It is and since Coalition members could be trained to teach course, could potentially provide funding to sustain program for Coalition.</p> <p>-We continue to move forward in wake of November house party event with School Action Team, Sports Org Action Team, YAT and Police Action Team in determining/assisting with new policy or protocol changes. Meeting @ 9:30 this morning after Coalition meeting for all interested.</p>

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<p>Other Business – Janet</p>	<p>-Upcoming Trainings</p> <p>-AT Updates</p> <p>-Article of Interest</p>	<p>-All welcome to attend Feb. 18th Liquor Licensing Committee Public meeting (7:30 pm – Mayor’s conference room).</p> <p>-In packet. Please contact Janet if you have attended/are attending any trainings or workshops as we report these to our grantors.</p> <p>-In packet. Coalition members asked to take a minute to review updates from Police Action Team, Youth Action Team, Sports Orgs and School. Coalition member suggests that Melrose Free Press/Weekly News might include a TipLine section in their police logs (highlighting how many tips/how many arrests as a result of these tips).</p> <p>-CADCA article on how raising taxes on alcohol deters drinking.</p>
<p>Announcements - Kara</p>	<p>-Current efforts</p> <p>-SPOTLIGHT!</p> <p>-Big Announcement!!</p> <p>***Next Coalition Meeting***</p>	<p>-Thanks to all Coalition members for completing assessment survey on line. Data coming soon.</p> <p>-YRBS to be administered to 7th-12 graders week of March 23rd.</p> <p>-On Frank Sorrenti (President, Melrose Youth Hockey) as a model for how to make a very tangible contribution, in spite of having limited volunteer time available. Working with our Sports Orgs. Action team, Frank has been extremely instrumental in getting information and resources out to parents and coaches over the past few months. We can’t thank you enough, Frank, and despite your humble protestations, we think you deserve a gold medal!</p> <p>-There will be an additional member of the Coalition this summer when Baby Showers makes his/her appearance in August. Congratulations, Kara!</p> <p>-Friday, March 13th, 2009 – 8:30-9:30 AM, Superintendent’s conference room, Central Administration.</p>
<p>Community Concern/Open Forum</p>	<p>-Mary Beth M.</p>	<p>-Requests re. Pre-Prom event (3/12). Looking for someone to videotape event. K-Hart will try to find a student.</p>

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Networking	-Find your Action Team point people.	
Adjournment	-At 9:30 am.	