

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Present:** Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Maureen Buzby, Chris Casatelli, Charlie Ciccone, Ruth Clay, Jan Flynn, Katherine Hartigan, Trisha Keane, Paula Kelly, Maureen Kenny-Woodworth, Nicole Lavery, Francesca LoGrasso, Donna Macdonald, Nancy Madden, John Noyes, John Ross, Marie Ryan, Joe Singer, Allen Swartz, Jen Thompson, Donna Veronelli. **Total Attendees: 22.**

**Sectors represented:** Youth, Parents, Business community, School, Youth-serving organizations, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 for Mission/Vision statement, although we all forgot to have him read it! Jan Flynn appointed Timekeeper.
December 12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written.
Energizer!- K-Hart	-WHIPS	-Coalition members played a quick word association game, going around the room. K-Hart made sure we were all awake and focused for our morning meeting!
Police Action Team - Chuck	-Current Efforts  -Next Steps  -Coalition Discussion	-Moving full steam ahead since the holidays! -Received \$4900 underage drinking grant (police/SAPC collaboration) to cover alcohol compliance checks/surveillance and party patrols. Grant runs from 12/31-5/31/09. -Meeting held 1/6 re. Grant and November house party. -Coalition/Police MOA finalized for FY09.  -Continued Tip Line promotion. -Underage Drinking enforcement grant patrols to be organized/implemented.  -Discussed new marijuana law and local impact. Discussed that citations will be much like a speeding fine – subsequent fines likely more \$\$. Under 18 would include both fine and underage program to be completed (with a \$1000 fine for family if not completed). Also explained “internal possession” which will be a good tool for police (can issue ticket based on “under the influence” appearance). Although up to court’s discretion,

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	<p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>less likely to be challenged, as police officers are trained to ascertain probable usage.</p> <p>-Officer Ross explained that school policy has not changed, but he is waiting to hear from Chief Lyle.</p> <p>-Coalition piece should include parent education/PR once all of the wrinkles are worked out and Melrose policy in place.</p>
<p>Other Business - Janet</p>	<p>-Upcoming Trainings</p> <p>-AT Updates</p> <p>-Articles of Interest</p>	<p>-In packet. Of particular note is 2/19 audio conference on school substance abuse policy. Accessible on <a href="http://www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp">www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp</a></p> <p>-In packet. Take a moment to check out info.</p> <p>-Ruth Clay updated Coalition on 9-C cuts. Governor Patrick has until end of January to make final cuts. We have spent down our \$37.5K of State DPH grant already and unless City needs to cut their \$37.5K pledge, we're okay moving forward. Kara reminded members that we're in year 3 of 5 year Federal grant.</p> <p>-Kara updated Coalition on Liquor initiative – Advisory Committee working on regulations to present to Liquor Commissioners. Coalition's part is making sure 3 safeguards are in place going forward: 1)regulation of advertising, 2)compliance checks, and 3)safe-server training. There will be a public meeting with liquor commissioners after regulations drafted.</p> <p>-In packet – re. Miller/Coors discontinuing Sparks, their pre-mixed alcoholic energy drink and latest federal data on youth use of legal drugs eclipsing illicit-drug use.</p>

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Announcements -Kara	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p><b>-SPOTLIGHT!</b></p> <p><b>***Next Coalition Meeting***</b></p>	<p>-Will be sending out a Coalition Assessment Survey via survey monkey today to be completed within a week, please. It's a 10-15 minute exercise. Please look for it online.</p> <p>-On <b>Maureen Kenny Woodworth!</b> For jumping right in and attending Coalition meetings and trainings and her valuable work with our Sports Organizations action team! We appreciate your time and effort and welcome you as an active team member!</p> <p><b>-Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 8:30-9:30 AM, Superintendent's conference room, Central Administration.</b></p>
Community Concern/Open Forum		
Networking	-Find your Action Team point people!	
Adjournment	-At 9:30 am.	