

January 2009 Report

Coalition members, Coordinator, and Administrator:

- Organized/attended Coalition's monthly meeting (January 9th): 22 attendees
- FY'09 grants
 - Continuous billing and invoice collection done for grants
 - City FY'09
 - \$37,750 budget set up
 - Fed FY'09 budget
 - PS272 submitted (January 14th)
 - Began Year 4 Continuation Application, due March 2nd
 - State FY'09 budget
 - Final EIM/ESM billing submitted (all \$37,500 spent)
 - Followed up with Mayor/Health Director re: state FY'10 budget
 - Called Senator Tisei's office to try to track next years money (January 30th)
- Ongoing updating/stocking of resources in office and throughout community
- Planning Committee meeting (January 29th)
- Discussed sustainability assistance, updating MOA, evaluation assistance, Coalition assessment survey, YRBS administration with Northeast Center for Healthy Communities rep (January 8th)
- Gave Social Host Liability presentation at the Southeast Center for Healthy Communities in Brockton (January 22nd)
- Annual Coalition assessment survey
 - Reviewed by Planning Committee
 - Send to all Coalition members (January 9th)
 - ~40 members responded!
 - Results to be compiled by Northeast Center for Healthy Communities
- Prepared for February 7th's Regional Coalition Summit and Recovery Celebration
 - 5+ Coalition members will be in attendance
 - Applicable best practice materials will shared at event
- Attended CHNA 16 meeting (January 13th)
- 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey administration
 - Details finalized through School Health Advisory Committee
 - Same as 2007 version
 - Administration to 7th-12th graders March 23, 2009
- Participated in Northeast Center for Healthy Communities regional conference call on "Youth/Adult Collaboration" (January 21st)
- Newspaper Submissions(Melrose Free Press = 20,700 homes/businesses weekly, Melrose Weekly News = 9,000 homes/businesses weekly)

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

- New Year – Old Myths, New Fatalities
- Police Chief seeks more pot penalties
- Superbowl: fans don't let fan drive drunk
- IT developments
 - Technical difficulties on/off with city webpage/e-newsletter
 - Webpage/e-newsletter updated (January 15th)
- Sports organization Action Team
 - Sent contacts Energy Drink Info sheet as follow-up to coaching requests
 - Drug recognition training provided for hockey coaching staff (January 15th)
- Police Action Team
 - Met to discuss Nov 15th house party incident (January 6th)
 - 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 continued. "Holidays" were identified (Superbowl Sunday, St. Patty's, Memorial Day, Prom, End of School) to have extra party/surveillance patrols.
 - 665-TIPS Tip Line
 - Promotion slowed but will continue once Detective Bureau is restructured
- Youth Action Team
 - Superbowl Sunday Drunk Driving Prevention
 - Used www.stopimpaireddriving.org as template
 - Posters disseminated in community "Designate a sober driver for your Superbowl party"
 - Posters disseminated in school "70% of MHS students have never driven in a car with someone who had been drinking"
 - Performed "Word Association" energizer at monthly meeting
 - Advisor and Coordinator met (January 27th)
 - Finalizing timeline/budget/action plan of the Spring initiatives
 - Each YAT teen leader will focus on ~one initiative
 - Melrose Draws the Line-Maddie
 - Meeting with designer (January 15th)
 - Healthy Alternatives-Khart
 - Marijuana Social Norms Prevention Campaign-Joe
 - Media Literacy-Charlie + middle school youth
 - Environmental Scan-all
 - Drunk Driving Prevention for upcoming Spring "holidays"-all
 - Shoulder Tap Surveys-all
- November 15th House Party Follow Up

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- Reps from School Action Team, Police Action Team, Sports Org Action Team, and Youth Action Team attended meeting (January 23rd)
- Press release was created to show community positive steps that are being taken
- Focuses will be on
 - School: review/improve district's ATOD policies
 - Sports Org: review/improve MHS Athletic policy, best practices contract to be disseminated to all coaches
 - Coalition: tips for parents to be created/disseminated more consistently through School Dept, investigate possibility of city ordinance to hold minors who attend party responsible for community service/ATOD education
 - Police: law-related education for community
- Coordinator to meet with School Committee policy chair (February 4th)
- *Guiding Good Choices* Action Team
 - Update and approve new policy and procedure manual at Action Team meeting on February 3rd.
 - Scheduled five workshops for Spring GGC Sessions and began promotions.
 - Best Practice meeting with facilitators (January 26th)
- Policy Action Team
 - The following safeguards are included in the draft regulations: a) advertising signage controlled b) compliance checks required c) mandatory server/seller training
 - Liquor Licensing Board public meeting on Feb 18th
 - Prepared revision for Board to include *21 Proof* as option in mandatory server/seller training section