

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, July 11, 2008

**Present:** Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Ruth Clay, Nicole Lavery, Donna Macdonald, Mary Beth Margolis, Gerry Mroz, John Noyes, Madeline Spinosa, Allen Swartz. **Total attendees: 10.**

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

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Fri. August 8th, 2008 – 9:00-10:00 AM – Mayor’s Conference Room, City Hall (PLEASE NOTE SUMMER LOCATION.)**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-John Noyes appointed Reader, Donna Macdonald appointed Timekeeper for meeting.  -Good feedback on E-newsletter! Kara to look into “counter” option.
June 13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved with correction (Nicole Lavery pointed out Governor Patrick’s student program is the Commonwealth Corps, which is separate from work/study programs.)
Planning Sessions-Follow-up -Kara	-Reassess  -Must-do’s  -New Ideas	-Kara and Nicole in strategic planning sessions re. new approach to youth involvement/youth action team coordinator. Working on plan/timeline /transitioning. -Initiatives moving forward: SBIRT, GGC, Police Tip Line, Social Host Law (outreach includes brochure in development).  -Addressing parent drinking @ Sports Banquets/Outreach via MMTV, METV (PSA’s). MMTV would train any coalition members to use equipment. We also have copies of “Keep Our Teens Safe” forum. How to use these?
-Ruth	-Coalition Discussion	-Needle kiosk in place in City Hall basement. Conversation re. medical waste laws and Go-Green approach related to prescription drug disposal. Also discussion on Reading’s Walgreens “take back” program. Coalition member asked about needle statistics (higher/lower this year?)
Youth Action Team - Nicole	-Current efforts	-Working to develop youth input. Idea put forth to merge core group of teen leaders (school/community organizations). -Utilize City Hall interns in effort to advertise Healthy Alternatives/Knoll Nights (media spot?)

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	-Next Steps	-Development of YAT timeline, plan, transitioning of new point person.
Healthy Alternatives -Janet/Gerry	-Current Efforts  -Coalition Discussion	-Knoll Nights continue. Attendance varies but group in agreement that we need time to “grow” program. HA committee meeting bi-weekly.  -Coalition and committee applaud Ann Blotner for her efforts in getting programs up and running!!  -How to engage youth in HA?  -Any interest in videotaping Knoll Nights?
Police Action Team – Chuck/Allen	-Current Efforts  -Next Steps	-Tip Line moving forward, despite some frustration with obtaining Verizon line (665-TIPS).  -Kara to contact Jorge Pazos to determine timeline for program. Plans to print information sheets/to place articles in newspapers/visits to Melrose businesses. Also want to get youth involved in helping with text messaging feature.  -Tip Line group to meet after Coalition meeting.
Other Business - Janet	-Upcoming Trainings  -AT Updates  -Articles of Interest	-Available via e-newsletter link. Should be more trainings coming up as Fall approaches.  -Included in packet – School Action Team/GGC Action Team.  -SAMHSA report on where underage drinkers obtain alcohol.

