

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, March 13, 2009

Present: Kara Showers, Janet Nevin, Grace Berte, Chris Casatelli, Charlie Ciccone, Diane Ely, Mary Elizabeth Ford, Trisha Keane, Nicole Lavery, Donna Macdonald, Nancy Madden, John Ross, Joseph Singer, Madeline Spinosa, Allen Swartz, Donna Veronelli, Dawn Jacobs, Richard Cohane, Linda Hansen, Tom Brow, Sarah McGowan, Zeke Vainer, Stephanie Jean, Natalie Emerson, Anna Tramontozzi, Joseph Dillon. **Total attendees:26.**
Sectors represented: Youth, Parents, Business community, School, Youth-Serving Organizations, Law Enforcement, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies.

Next Meeting Dates:

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Friday, April 10, 2009– 8:30-10:30 am (includes sustainability planning session with NEC4HC), Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration. (Please note: Meeting subsequently rescheduled for April 3, 2009 due to Good Friday school holiday.)**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-Charlie Ciccone introduced as co-leader for today’s meeting. -Diane Ely appointed Reader. Joe Singer appointed Timekeeper (perhaps through balance of Coalition’s existence, as he did such a stellar job!)
February 13 th Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written.
Energizer!- Maddie	-Energizer	-Due to unforeseen circumstances, did not have an energizer today.
Coalition Assessment Data – Kara	-Current Efforts -Coalition Discussion	-Not included in packet, but reported on recent assessment data, provided by Coalition membership online survey (this is a way that PC can get feedback/learn of member concerns): - “Buddy system” question: We don’t currently have something like this in place but have talked about pairing new member(s) with planning committee or action team member. - Sustainability, Media marketing, Training Calendar. -Discussed interest members have in social activities. Mary Eliz. Ford suggests occasional 8 am potluck breakfasts. Allen suggests “sober dances” as an option (AA/NA groups do these).

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	<p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>middle and high school events (Tips for Parents, brochures, etc.)</p> <p>-FY' 10 State funding presentation (see above) on 3/23.</p> <p>-House Party follow-up – School district policies being reviewed/improved. Holding minors responsible for house parties being investigated. Continued dissemination of Tips for Parents.</p>
<p>Other Business - Janet</p>	<p>-Upcoming Trainings</p> <p>-Action Team Updates</p> <p>-Article of Interest</p> <p>-Announcement</p>	<p>-In packet. As mentioned previously, please contact Janet if you have attended or plan to attend any trainings/workshops as we report these to our grantors.</p> <p>-In packet. Coalition members asked to take a minute to review updates from the following Action Teams: Police, GGC, School and Sports Orgs. Of particular note: Sgt. Chuck Byrne has stepped down as Coalition member/Police AT.</p> <p>-Article from Join Together re. Liquor Ads returning to “prime time”.</p> <p>-Spring Session of Citizen’s Drug Recognition Academy begins April 9th. Members asked to take/hang flyers and let us know if you want to volunteer to attend as MSAPC rep. (helping with opening/closing Milano Center, greeting Marilyn Belmonte, etc.)</p>
<p>Announcements - Kara</p>	<p>-SPOTLIGHT!!</p> <p>-Announcement (part 2)</p>	<p>-On Donna Veronelli – long time member/supporter of the Coalition. She has served as a facilitator for GGC and does lots of behind the scenes work for the MSAPC. Donna epitomizes what a committed contributor can achieve, even though she may not have many hours to devote. Thank you so much, Donna. You ROCK!</p> <p>-I just think it bears repeating: Baby Showers arrives in August. Congratulations, once again, to our fearless leader!</p>

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	Next Coalition Meeting	Friday, April 10th, 2009 – 8:30-10:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration (Regular meeting followed by Sustainability meeting with NEC4HC). **PLEASE NOTE: MEETING CHANGED TO APRIL 3rd, 2009**
Community Concern/Open Forum	-Joe Singer	-On behalf of Angela Singer, SADD and himself, would like to thank Coalition for our support of “Dance, Don’t Chance”-Pre-Prom Forum, held 3/12/09.
Networking	-Find your Action Team point people.	
Adjournment	-At 9:30 am.	