

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

May 2008 Report

Coalition members, Coordinator, and Administrator:

- Organized/attended Coalition's monthly meeting and 1st Planning Session (May 9th)
- State and federal FY '08 budgets
 - Continuous billing and invoice collection done for state and federal grants
 - Updated and reviewed
- Ongoing updating/stocking of resources in office and throughout community
- Finished and submitted Semi-Annual Progress Report (COMET) for DFC grant on May 15th
- MHS Health/Wellness teachers began Spring 2008's implementation of Project Northland Class Action to all 9th/10th graders
- Updating of Coalition Database
 - Administrator sent out letter or email to underutilized or inactive members
- Coordinator asked to participate with City Solicitor/Chamber of Commerce on determining details of 2 ballot initiatives:
 - Seating capacity reduced from 100 - ~50 for beer/wine and maybe full liquor license
 - Begin granting undetermined number of licenses for gourmet food/wine type businesses
- IT developments
 - Webpage updated
 - Newsletter draft finalized to begin sending out to Coalition bi-weekly in June
- In response to car accident, ad-hoc committee formed to prepare for Keep Them Safe Community Forum for parents
 - Mon, June 16th 7-8:30 in MHS Resource Center
 - Panelists to include: Mayor, Coordinator, 2 student reps, parent rep, YMCA, Clergy rep, Melrose Public School reps, Police Dept rep, and more.
- School Committee meeting to advocate for PE/Wellness teacher in FY '09 (May 13th)
 - Small group collectively created statement that Coordinator read at meeting
- Coordinator attended Mass Forum monthly training (May 21st)
 - Melrose Mass Forum FY '09 Team discussed further. June meeting set up with Director of Mass Forum.
 - Possible participants: Health Director, Coordinator, Police Rep, School Rep, Chamber of Commerce Rep, Community Coalition Chairperson.

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- Planning Committee and Coordinator continued discussions via email and phone with Strategic Planning Consultant and Evaluator, around FY'09 planning and short-term outcomes/data compilation
- Evaluation Report finalized and put up on private Melrose Data wiki
- GGC Action Team
 - GGC Strategic Planning/Marketing Consultant developed plan for Action Team
 - Entry and analysis of all pre/post survey data completed and summary shared with facilitators/Action Team
 - Participant database updated (73 names on interested list)
 - Updated brochure printed by YMCA
 - Details of 5th grade Step Up Day presence determined
- Youth Action Team
 - 5 nights of Shoulder Tap surveys were conducted in Malden and Wakefield
 - 7 youth and 7 adults were involved!
- Police Action Team
 - Met regarding Melrose Police Dept Tip Line in conjunction with newly hired Drug Detective McNamara
- School Action Team
 - Moving forward with timeline for Student Assistance Team (Point Person to meet with Principal, presentation/training to faculty/staff 7/08, implement SAT 8/08)
- Data Action Team
 - Pride 2005 and 2008 parent and faculty/staff data compiled and put into presentation for School Committee (June 10th)
- Healthy Alternatives ad-hoc committee
 - Met several times to discuss final spending of funds for Senior and Sophomore class trips, Lowell Spinners game, and Open Fields this summer.