

## Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Present:** Kara Showers, Maureen Buzby, Janet Nevin, Ruth Clay, Dawn Jacobs, Chuck Byrne, Gerry Mroz, John Ross, Marie Ryan, Allen Swartz, Chris Casatelli, Nancy Madden, Rechele Jordow, Niklas Jordow, Francesca LoGrasso, Richard Cohane, Paula Kelly, Bob Savarino, Mary Elizabeth Ford, Anna Tramontozzi, Emma Svoboda, Hannah Singleman, Zeke Vainer, Sarah McGowan, Sally Manninen, Peg Sallade. **Total attendees: 26.**

**Sectors represented:** Youth, Parents, Business community, Schools, Youth-serving organizations, Law Enforcement, Healthcare professionals, Governmental agencies, Religious/Fraternal organizations.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Fri, June 13<sup>th</sup>– 8:30-11:00 am in Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration. (PLEASE NOTE TIME!!)**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Role Assignments	-Paula K. appointed Reader, Dawn J. appointed Timekeeper for meeting.
April 11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written.
Youth Action Team - Kara	-Shoulder Taps  -Coalition Discussion  -Next Steps	-One night done. Planning for 3-5 more.  -Youth still needed for upcoming Shoulder Taps this month. Determined no conflict for rescheduling cancelled nights for 5/30 & 31.  -Finish up ST by end of month.
Guiding Good Choices Action Team - Paula	-Current efforts  -Coalition Discussion  -Next Steps	-Held “Lessons Learned” meeting late April. Current (3) series had total of 30 participants. In total, 51 families participated in GGC last Fall and this Spring. Waiting list generated for future sessions. -Jan Flynn hired to develop strategic marketing plan for GGC to enhance marketing and ensure sustainability.  -Photo-op and public thank you with Father Sullivan of St. Mary’s Parish for their support of GGC program and use of Rectory for all three 5-session workshops.  -Jan Flynn to work on marketing/sustainability. Next action team meeting scheduled for June 2 <sup>nd</sup> .

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Healthy Alternatives Ad-Hoc Committee – Janet/Gerry	<p>-Current efforts</p> <p>-Coalition Discussion</p> <p>-Next Steps</p>	<p>-Planning for field trip to Lowell Spinners next month.</p> <p>-Open Fields to be discussed at Parks Dept. meeting in June.</p> <p>-Availability of Coalition member to administer Jeopardy game at Freshman Semi this evening? Gerry and/or Francesca volunteered.</p> <p>-Finalize HA spending for FY ending 6/30/08.</p>
Other Business	<p>-Janet</p> <p>-Ruth</p> <p>-Anna T.</p>	<p>-Upcoming Training list will be emailed out to members.</p> <p>-Reported on data received from police department on needle calls. Made up a map of where needles found. Statistics show numbers trending way up (2006= 8; 2007=20; so far 2008 will be 36, if trend continues). Received a grant from DPH for a needle kiosk – will likely be @ City Hall.</p> <p>-Announced MVMMS Drug Summit to be held 5/28-30. Our student reps produced a video for summit.</p>
Announcements – Kara	<p>-SPOTLIGHT on Gerry Mroz!</p> <p>-Next Meeting</p>	<p>-For all of his efforts with the Coalition, especially with the Healthy Alternatives Ad-Hoc Committee! We applaud your consistent and willing involvement! Thanks, Gerry!</p> <p><b>-***Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 8:30-11:00 am (8:30-9am meeting) 9:00-11:00 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Session) – Superintendent’s Conference Room at MHS.***</b></p>
-Networking	-Find your Action Team point people!	
-Adjournment	-At 9:00am	
-Planning Session and Data Overview	-Peg Sallade and Sally Manninen	

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