

Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monthly Coalition Meeting—Friday, October 10, 2008

Present: Maureen Buzby, Chuck Byrne, Charlie Ciccone, Jan Flynn, Mary Elizabeth Ford, Katherine Hartigan, Trisha Keane, Nancy Madden, Mary Beth Margolis, Gerry Mroz, Janet Nevin, Kara Showers, Angela Singer, Joe Singer, Madeline Spinosa, Frank Sorrenti, Maddie Wyse. **Total attendees: 17.**

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

Next Meeting Dates:

- 1) Action Team meetings (assorted dates/times/locations)
- 2) Next Monthly Coalition Meeting, **Fri, November 14th, 2008 – 8:30-9:30 am, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Central Administration.**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action Step
Welcome/Introductions	-Youth Action Team leaders introduced! -Role Assignments	-Charlie Ciccone (YAT Advisor) and 3 MHS Youth leaders: Katherine Hartigan, Maddie Wyse, Joe Singer introduced to Coalition. -Diane Ely appointed Reader for Mission/Vision Statement; Chuck Byrne appointed Timekeeper.
September 12 th Meeting Minutes	-Approval	-Approved as written.
Energizer –Charlie/YAT	-Social Networking theme -Announcement	-Ice breaker involving common teen internet slang. Coalition already pretty enlightened! -Angela Singer announced upcoming SADD State Convention (6 students attending). Also mentioned National SADD Director to present parent workshop free of charge on 10/19 @ Sheraton Tara, Framingham.
Focus Groups - Kara	-Current efforts -Next Steps -Coalition Discussion	-Ten Coalition members attended October 3 rd focus group training, facilitated by Beth McCarthy. -Charlie and teen leaders to conduct Teen-to-Teen discussion groups related to Prescription Drug Abuse and Healthy Alternatives. -Asked members for suggestions on locations to conduct teen focus groups (Starbucks/Panera/MMTV/YMCA Conference Room).

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Announcements - Kara	<p>-Current Efforts</p> <p>-SPOTLIGHT!</p>	<p>-Check out the e-newsletter for Coalition volunteer activities! Upcoming flu clinics (10/21 and 10/28) may require some volunteers.</p> <p>-Drug Free Communities (Federal grant) – we have begun Year 3!</p> <p>-Victorian Fair data re. Social Host Liability survey discussed.</p> <p>-On Charlie Ciccone, our wonderful Youth Action Team Advisor!! He’s stepped right in and hit the ground running. With many upcoming initiatives and the team he’s put together, we know Charlie will have a BIG impact on the Coalition’s youth efforts this year. Thank you, Charlie – we look forward to working together. You rock!</p>
	-Next Meeting	-Friday, November 14th : 8:30-9:30 AM, Superintendent’s Conference Room, Melrose High School.
Community Concern/Open Forum	<p>-Maureen</p> <p>-Mary Elizabeth</p> <p>-Various members</p>	<p>-Announced MAAV Walk coming up this month.</p> <p>-Skateboard Park – Helmet issue (supposed to be a requirement but few observed). Bike helmets available in City Hall (Health Dept.). Janet will check with Ruth on skateboard helmets. At least one child treated for concussion. Also discussion re. police monitoring. Police are called when bikes observed @ park.</p> <p>-Further discussion on Tip Line info dissemination: Perhaps Dunkin Donuts would put # on coffee cups. Mary Beth M. suggests putting inserts in City mailings.</p> <p>-Criteria for using Tip Line: Not to be used when 911 more appropriate.</p> <p>-Chuck stresses the importance of Parents talking to kids and other parents about Tip Line use. Jan states kids may fear retaliation, so should talk with parents about the line.</p>
Networking	-Find your Action Team point people!	
Adjournment	-At 9:30 am.	