

September 2008 Report

Coalition members, Coordinator, and Administrator:

- Organized/attended Coalition's monthly meeting (September 12th) (19 attendees)
- State and federal FY'09/FY'08 grants
 - Continuous billing and invoice collection done for state and federal grants
 - Budgets updated and reviewed
 - Year 2 (FY'08) of DFC is complete!
 - State's Quarterly MIS spreadsheet added requirement in FY '09
- Ongoing updating/stocking of resources in office and throughout community
 - Literature inventory updated
 - Mailed sector-specific brochures to Coalition members
- Focus Group Training
 - Up to 3 focus groups will be conducted (prescription drug abuse, healthy alternatives, and Tip Line)
 - Training by local expert confirmed for Oct 3rd
 - Drafts prepared
- Critical Events History
 - In an effort to develop "our story", this draft continues to be updated by the Administrator, Coordinator, and Planning Committee
- FY '08 Annual Report
 - Finalized mailing list to all partners
 - ~225 mailed out!
- Northeast Center for Healthy Communities Networking Luncheon "Social Networking" was attended by the YAT Advisor and Coordinator
- Collaborated with Melrose High School PTO by sponsoring the 2008-2009 Student/Parent Telephone Directory
 - "Here's where kids get alcohol" FACE ad on inside front cover
 - Coalition resources/mission/vision on inside back cover
- Victorian Fair (Sept 14th)
 - Administered survey "Did you know Melrose passed a Social Host Liability local ordinance?" Of the 49 people surveyed, approximately 51% said yes and 49% said no.
 - 9 volunteers handed out 450 literature/brochures and 200 promotional materials
- Newspaper Submissions(Melrose Free Press = 20,700 homes weekly, Melrose Weekly News = 9,000 homes weekly)
 - Get educated about the drinking age debate!
 - Tip Line promotion
 - Guiding Good Choices
 - Ballot Initiatives (2)
- Outreach to sports organizations/booster clubs

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- Meeting—September 19th
- Guideline and folder for outreach phone call or in-person visit finalized
- Contact information disseminated and members asked to identify those they know
- IT developments
 - Webpage updated (monthly hits ~200)
 - e-Newsletter continues to be sent out to Coalition bi-weekly (92 subscribers)
- Additions were made to Melrose data wiki
- Healthy Alternatives ad-hoc committee
 - Meeting—September 4th
 - Forward focus on partnering with existing youth-serving organizations and sponsoring youth-led initiatives
 - Coordinator met with Recreation Department Director, Common Ground Manager, and YMCA Vice-President
- Unveiling Skateboard Park
 - 10 Coalition members attended
- MWH Grand Rounds presentation
 - Titled “Medication Seeking Patients and Suboxone Treatment”
 - 5 Coalition members in attendance
 - Coordinator spoke at end to ~40 doctors/nurses to discuss Coalition and its upcoming initiatives including SBIRT and substance abuse/addiction trainings
- Youth Action Team
 - Advertised and networked to find 3 YAT leaders
 - 7 applications submitted→ interviews setup and conducted
 - YAT Advisor continues to get oriented and trained
- *Guiding Good Choices* Action Team
 - Meeting—September 22nd
 - Confirmed 4 workshop series to be held at City Hall beginning in October
 - Preparations done: participants registered, supplies ordered etc
 - PowerPoint presentation given at Administrators meeting (Sept 17th) by GGC Point Person and Facilitator
 - Homework assignment handed out through 5th/6th grade classrooms (week of Sept 22nd)
- Police Action Team
 - Police Chief, Community Liaison, and Coordinator taped “Social Host and Tip Line” Health Information Update MMTV show (17,250 homes) (September 29th)
 - Social Host Liability Ordinance
 - Tri-fold brochure handed out at High School Open House (September 18th)
 - 665-TIPS Tip Line
 - Promotion began

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- Tip Line wallet cards and flyer disseminated (2500 wallet cards, 500 flyers)
- Community liaisons working to get agenda time at upcoming community meetings