



Coalition Meeting

March 13, 2014

4:30-6:30 pm

South Kingstown Police Department Conference Room

MINUTES:

In attendance: Martha Barbera, Erin Pierce, Amanda Mather, Lisa DeMaria, Betty Murphy, Jon Kimpton, Christi Saurette, Carol Pilkington, Joel Ewing-Chow, Emma Mather, Eric Gaudette, Karen Murphy, Brian Turcotte, Cameron Driscoll, Heidi Driscoll

Introduction: The coalition welcomed several new members and also discussed at future meetings there would be representation from each of the middle schools. We also welcomed 4 students from the high school.

SKHS Marijuana Survey: Will be administered at SKHS on April 7th during advisory. Reverse consent letters will be mailed out by March 19, 2014 for any parent/guardian that does not want their student to participate.

Marijuana Grant update- The carry-over request for the \$25,000 was approved by the state!!

Drug Free Community Grant: Had this grant 7 years ago, we are applying for years 6-10. Missed out last year, but had scored very high. More grants are being given out this year nationwide (183). Grant will be submitted by March 24, 2014 and we will hear in August.

Slogan Contest: Deadline March 28 – Posters and flyers are in the schools. Many health teachers are giving this as homework or extra credit project. Will email coalition with top slogans so they can vote on winning slogan. Would like to invite winner to next meeting to present Visa gift card.

Logo: being worked on by O'Toole and Parr, at next coalition meeting will have several to choose from

CADCA Mid -Year Conference- Any interested coalition member looking to go to the CADCA mid-year conference, July 20-24, Orlando, Florida, please let Heidi know. There is money in budget for one additional person to go with Heidi.



Above the Influence: Karen Murphy spoke about the ATI campaign that will be starting at the high school in April. This will be an after school weekly initiative dealing with decision making and goal setting, culminating with students painting the ATI logo somewhere in town. This will take place before Prom season. Also, during the last quarter of school, seniors will be mentoring 5th graders on an "I am... "Project.

Law Enforcement Update: Capt. Ewing-Chow reported on targeting specific areas in our town where there is high risk behavior occurring. An undercover detail will be targeting these specific areas with funding coming from the Marijuana Block Grant.

8TH Grade Lock In- Approval has been granted for an 8th grade Lock-in. The date will be Friday, June 20th, 2014. It will occur immediately following CCMS pizza party/yearbook signing night 6-8 pm. A committee is being formed and will meet bi-weekly to organize event.

Marijuana Forum: Discussion evolved and it was decided to have a panel discussion with a moderator. Jon Kimpton agreed to be the moderator. We will plan this event for early September. The panel will include local representation including medical, legal, behavioral health. Suggestion was made of having it at CCMS cafeteria and serving a light dinner of sandwiches. This will allow for a more intimate evening and allow parents to feel comfortable.

Next meeting to be held April 10, 2014 @ SKPD conference room 4:30-6:30

Future Meeting Dates:

May 8, 2014 4:30-6:30

June 12, 2014 4:30-6:30