



**South Kingstown Partnership for Prevention
Coalition Meeting
February 27, 2014
4:30-6:30 pm
South Kingstown Police Department Community Room**

Minutes:

In Attendance: Amanda Mather, Celeste Corcoran, Carol Pilkington, Jen Natale, Betty Murphy, Karen Murphy, Christi Saurette, Jon Kimpton

Introduction: Heidi Driscoll, the new coordinator welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation and patience during the transition process. She reported that both budgets were worked on over the past 2 weeks and submitted to the State Representative, Elizabeth Kretchman from BHDDH.

SKHS Marijuana Survey: A requirement of the Marijuana Reduction Grant is a survey that is distributed to all SKHS students. A reverse permission slip will be mailed to all parents/guardians if they do not wish their child to participate in the survey. The survey will be administered during an advisory period toward the end of March. One advisory from each grade will be randomly selected for a breakfast party to thank them for their participation.

RISAPA BUDGET: The RISAPA budget for 2013-2014 is \$25,138. There was no carry over allowed from 2012-2013.

Marijuana Reduction Grant: The Grant for 2013-2014 is \$64,542. The carry over funds from 2012-2013 were \$40,693. It was decided by the commission that we would only seek \$25,000. This would account for what would have been used for payroll vs initiatives. A carry over request was submitted to the state.

Drug Free Community Grant: We will be reapplying for the DFC Grant, years 6-10, again this year. Paul Florin will be writing the grant. Last year we only missed the grant by 2-3 points. Also, last year only 60 grants were given out nationwide, this year 182 will be given out. March 24, 2014 is the submission date.

Month at a Glance Schedule Breakdown: A monthly breakdown of events was provided

- February-Budgets and Narratives worked on
- March-
 - Kick off social media campaign. SKPP will be changing their logo, O'toole and Parr will be working on that. A slogan contest will begin, open to grades 6-12. Submission forms will be sent out on school list serves, on SKPD Facebook page and will be used by Health teachers as an assignment. Question: What would you say to a friend that wanted to try



marijuana? The slogan must be 25 characters max and will be used to make up rubber bracelets for brand awareness. These will be given out at opening day of Little League and other events.

- Marijuana survey @SKHS
- DFC submitted
- April-
 - Above the Influence Campaign- an afterschool program will begin with various ATI activities
 - SKPD- An unmarked car detail will begin Friday nights at South County Commons. That has been earmarked as a problem spot in our town where youth are getting dropped off for the movies and going into the woods to drink and use illegal substances. Patrols will also frequent Old mountain field as the weather gets nicer. Discussion ensued about police taking a more positive active role with students from The Alternative Learning School.
 - Facebook – a Facebook page will be started for SKPP
- May-
 - A panel discussion centering around the legalization of Marijuana in our state will be planned if carry over funds are granted
 - Above the Influence Senior mentoring project- Seniors working with 5th graders on “I am...” project
- June-
 - 8th Grade Lock –in. An event similar to post prom will be held for 8th graders in June (permission still need by Superintendent Stringfellow) Event used to promote pro-social behavior and recruit 8th grade parents to join the coalition.
 - Focus Group for 5th grade (Too Good for Drugs) - A focus group will be started to get feedback on the TGFD curriculum. These children will be followed over the next few years to continue student feedback on curriculum.
 - Focus Group for Health teachers teaching TGFD curriculum
- July- CADCA mid-year conference
- August- A2E Kick off – Parent/community presentation speaker Chris Heron. High school/middle school students and parents will be included.
- September- Four week parent workshop/book club to begin

Computer Donation- It was discussed to donate SKPP Mac Computer to Eileen Stone. Part of this will be reimbursement for her consultant fee. It was also noted that the SKHS IT Department does not support a Mac, therefore it would be very costly to maintain it if technical trouble arose.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2014 @SKPP conference room, if anyone knows of someone who would like to join the coalition please feel free to bring them to this meeting.



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