



South Kingstown Partnership for Prevention

Coalition/Commission Meeting

January 8, 2015 4:30-6:00 pm

South Kingstown Police Department Community Room

Coalition meeting:

In attendance: Aimee Reiner, Celeste Corcoran, Heidi Driscoll, Joel Ewing-Chow, Keith McNamar, Martha Barbera, Theresa Benoit, Dave Neill, Steve Geisler, Maureen Tissierre, Ryan Doyle, Carol Pilkington, Christine Fish

Absent: Kathy Egan, Erin Pierce Christi Saurette, Dave Patrone, Ella Whaley, Karen Murphy, Perry Raso, Scott Muller, Joan Jackson, Amanda Mather, Emma Mather, Sally Genest, Javen Genest

Minutes: meeting called to order 4:35

- Approval of December minutes, David Neill approved, Joel Ewing-Chow seconded
- Greetings and introductions- New coalition member Christine Fish

Old Business-

- Second forum - Part 2- Experimentation and risk- On **January 12, 6:30 pm Monday night at Simon's in Narragansett** we will be holding part two of our series. This forum will be centered on when does experimentation put your teen at risk? Andrew Paliotti will be speaking. He is a former NHS student who is now in recovery. On the panel will be Steve Geisler, Director of Codac, Roger Jadosz, RN, URI, David Patrone, Student Assistance Counselor, Jon Kimpton, PhD. Director of Behavioral Health, Sarah Laider, Student Assistance Counselor
- Part 3 in the Series "Can We Talk" to be held in March- allowing the youth to give the perspective (10-12 SK/Narragansett students) to adults. "Can we talk?"
- CCMS Door Contest - doors decorated with stuff they like to do other than drugs and alcohol. Good success for the students. Attempting to organize one event a month for students at CCMS

New Business

- **Law enforcement**
 - Town - relatively quiet season so far. SRO is still in process at CCMS. Informational meeting at the end of January that is open to public to ask questions.
 - State - coordinating meeting on January 28 regarding drug awareness presentation for 7-8 graders
 - 212 OD deaths in 2014
- **Youth Coalition –**
 - Mural update at SKHS. Self-esteem and Above the Influence themed mural - completed and in a highly visible location in SKHS hallway. What makes you think you're not good enough? Have been asked by CCMS principal to paint a mural at the middle school.
 - Next project is a brief PSA for parents on what things your parents have said and done that have influenced you.
- **Parenting 101 Class** - needs a smaller group meeting to reorganize. Focused on resources for parents. Possibly having police involved to add to the mix.
- **10 in 10-** new polling software was showcased, used to ask Coalition various question about drug and alcohol awareness. These questions will be asked during National Drug Awareness week at SKHS (Feb 9-13). Also, social norms questions will be discussed, perception vs use.
- **Open Discussion-**Tobacco Free RI has asked municipalities to work on local ordinances, will discuss at next meeting.

- **Prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products**

The tobacco industry entices youth with cheap and sweet flavored tobacco products in bright colorful packaging that resembles candy. A federal law prohibits flavors in cigarettes (apart from menthol), but there are no federal or RI state laws prohibiting flavors in so-called "little cigars" and cigarillos. These cigarette-like tobacco products are significantly cheaper than cigarettes because they are not subject to the high state cigarette excise tax. Providence passed and enacted ordinances prohibiting the sale of any flavored tobacco products within Providence. The tobacco industry took Providence to court and the City won. Other cities and towns in RI are now considering passing flavor bans to protect youth from nicotine addiction.

- **Require municipal licenses for tobacco retailers**

All tobacco retailers are required to have an annual state license that costs \$25. It is also a recommended best practice of tobacco addiction prevention that cities and towns require tobacco retailers in their communities to obtain a local license. A local license allows the town to have a direct influence over how tobacco retailers do business in their community, for example what tobacco products they can sell, how products can be displayed, and make sure they are not selling to minors. A local license allows a town to fine retailers who break the law and ultimately revoke their license.

There are specific templates that can be used, these ordinances are already in effect in Providence. Providence had been sued but they won the suit.

Coalition Mtg adjourned 5:45 pm

SKPP Commission Meeting

Meeting began 5:50

In Attendance- Celeste Corcoran, Keith McNamar, Aimee Reiner, Heidi Driscoll, Carol Pilkington

Absent- Jon Kimpton

- Review MOD- expenses for December \$ 6040.77, balance \$69,974.43
- Review RISAPA- expenses for December \$2085 balance \$12,552.34
- Report to Town Manager of all activities the Partnership is involved in, including description is almost completed, will email beginning of next week
- Approval for Erin Pierce to attend CADCA
- Approval to sponsor Ocean State Waves Games, we will not be purchasing signage this year.
- Approval that RISAPA Line Item 5 will be used for CADCA instead of National Coalition Academy.
- Clarification that MOD line item 2B will be used for John Morello presentation
- Clarification that MOD Line item 2D will be used for Matt Bellace presentation

Meeting Adjourned 6:20

Next Meeting- February 12 2015, 4:30-5:45 Coalition, 6:00-6:30 Commission