



South Kingstown Partnership for Prevention
Coalition/ Commission Meeting
February 12, 2015
4:30-6:00 pm

South Kingstown Police Department
Community Room
1790 Kingstown Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Attendance: Tahira Haughton, Christine Fish, Steve Geisler, Keith McNamar, Sally Genest, Erin Pierce, Sydney Pellegrino, David Neill, Ryan Doyle, Carol Pilkington, Erica Estus, Heidi Driscoll

Absent: Jon Kimpton, Kathy Egan, Celeste Corcoran, Theresa Benoit, Javen Genest, Emma Mather, Amanda Mather, Joan Jackson, Martha Barbera, Karen Murphy, Joel Ewing-Chow, Christi Saurette

Minutes:

- Approval of Minutes from January 2015- Erin Pierce made motion seconded by Keith McNamar
- **Presentation from Class of 2004-** Serena Matley and Christine Rockwell, representing class of 2004, presented a check to SKPP for \$1450. They raised the money during their 10 year class reunion to honor the memory of 4 classmates that have passed due to overdoses. Heidi thanked them for their generous gift and spoke of a social norms campaign that just occurred at the High school. Shatter the Myth campaign included a presentation by John Morello, I am Dirt. A scavenger hunt with the question “How many SKHS students do not use marijuana? Answer choices, A.23%, B. 45%, C. 68%, and D. 76%. On Thursday pencils were distributed with the answer on it, I am one of the 76%. She explained kids need to know that perception does not equal reality. She also reported that these are the kind of things that their donation would be used for.
- **Tobacco Free RI** – Karina Wood could not make it, Geri Guardino from Dept. of Health came and spoke to coalition instead. Geri spoke on
 - The importance of why local retailer license enforcement is critical. There is not an abundance of state enforcement.
 - The opportunity for local communities to adopt an ordinance to ban flavored tobacco products.
 - How Tobacco companies are spending all their money on advertising in store.
 - FDA does not control e cigs, flavors, or cigars
 - CDC endorsing local retailer licenses
 - Central Falls, Richmond, Woonsocket and Cranston are following Providences leads in banning flavored tobacco
 - Questions arose about who are the local stakeholders in this

- Decision made by coalition to speak with SK police Department to see if they would be able to enforce a local ordinance. Heidi will meet with Capt. Joel Ewing-Chow to discuss this.
- **State Update-** Dave Neill informed us
 - The U.S. Attorney's office met with Police Departments about Drug Presentations in schools.
 - Dave and US Attorney Peter Nerohna went to Nathaniel Greene School in Providence to do an e-cigarette presentation
 - Cranston Police Department charged a dealer at state level with murder of an overdose from Heroin laced with Fentanyl. First of its kind will be interesting to see precedence from this.
- **Training Module-** Steve Geisler from CODAC informed us about his facility
 - Treat opioid dependency with medication (Methadone)
 - Methadone binds to the same brain receptors as heroin does, but lasts 24 hours, enabling patient to function throughout their day.
 - Clinic is open 5:30 AM to 9:00 am to distribute methadone
 - Approximately 180 clients are seen at this facility, not all from SK but from surrounding areas
- **CADCA-** Erin Pierce reported out on CADCA National Forum
 - Heidi and Erin went to CADCA National Forum Feb 2-6.
 - Went to many interesting seminars
 - Had the opportunity to attend Capitol Hill Day where they met Senator Whitehouse and Congressman Langevin to discuss continued prevention efforts and funding.
 - Rhode Island had one of the largest delegations represented, there were 25 attendees
- **Forum-** Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm at Narragansett Community Center
 - This Forum will focus on teen perspectives
 - A group of 10-15 students from SKHS, CCMS, NHS and Prout will be led in a discussion revolving around peer pressure, stressors and influences in their lives.
 - **Heidi is asking that each member of the coalition attend and bring 2-3 guests with them. The flyer for distribution will be available around the Feb 16 for them to send out to friends. A large audience is critical for this!! Students are giving up their time we want them to know we value their opinions!!!!**

Meeting adjourned 5:57 pm

Attendance: Keith McNamar, Carol Pilkington

Absent: Jon Kimpton, Celeste Corcoran

- **Commission meeting:**

- No Commission meeting was held due to lack of quorum.

Next Meeting- March 12, 2015, 4:30-6:00 SKPD Community Center Room