

South Kingstown Partnership for Prevention

Meeting Minutes



Program/Area:	<i>Coalition September Meeting</i>
Meeting Purpose:	<i>Review and Plan</i>
Meeting Date:	<i>10-8-2015</i>
Meeting Time:	<i>4:30 pm</i>
Meeting Location:	<i>SK Police Department Community Room</i>
Meeting Facilitator:	<i>Heidi Driscoll</i>
Invitees/Attendees:	Erin Pierce, Tahira Houghton, Katie Mackrell, Tammy McNeiece, Martha Barbera, Joan Jackson, Ryan Doyle, Amanda Mather, Sally Genest, Keith McNamar, Carol Pilkington, Natalie Kimmerlein, Paul Florin, Emma Mather Not in Attendance: Celeste Corcoran, Christine Fish, Scott Mueller, Joel Ewing-Chow, Theresa Benoit, Jon Kimpton, Erica Estus, Aimee Reiner, Maureen Tissiere, Christi Saurette, David Neill, Steve Geisler, Kathleen Egan, Sydney Pellegrino, Kaleigh Meich
Minutes Issued By:	<i>Erin Pierce</i>

Next Steps: (Task, Assigned to, Checkpoint Date)	Who?	Due Date
Send out DFC grant to coalition members.	Heidi	November 2015
Check into pricing for yoga program and if the high school has yoga mats	Erin	November 2015

Decisions Made: (What, Why, Impacts)
Go Ahead with the SHRI yoga program

Discussion: (Items/Knowledge Shared)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order 4:34 • Keith McNamar approved September minutes. Katie Mackrell seconded the motion. • Heidi introduced Paul Florin to the coalition. Paul Florin is a Professor of Psychology at URI. Paul is the evaluator for the DFC grant. Paul encouraged every member of the coalition to read the DFC grant. As the evaluator, Paul is looking to determine what programs and how well these programs that SKPP implements with the DFC grant work. Paul is also hoping to see how the programs change the community. • Heidi along with several volunteers from the coalition attended seven open houses. At these open houses, 5-8 grade parents were invited to participate in a survey using a QR code. Between the QR code responses (30) and the list serve responses (95) the 6 question Survey Monkey survey was a good first start at implementing different surveys throughout the year for parents and students. The PSA was also shown at each of the seven open houses and was received well by parents. • Katie Mackrell, the student assistance counselor at SK high school reported out on the different groups and activities happening at the high school. Some of the

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groups include:

GSA (gay, straight alliance) which started bi-monthly meetings the week of October 5. The group is working on Unity Day which is an anti-bullying campaign. Students at the high school will wear orange October 21.

Youth Coalition/SADD also started bi-monthly meetings the week of October 5. Youth Coalition and SADD are working on Red Ribbon Week. This is a national anti-drug campaign that will focus on respect. This campaign runs for two weeks from October 26 – November 6. Students will participate in “questions of the day” focusing on prescription drug use. The two weeks will wrap up with a performance by the Improbable Players.

- Martha Barbera reported out on the SADD group at Curtis Corner Middle school. Meetings will start the week of October 19. Sixty students have signed up to participate.
- Special guest, Allison Bologna visited the coalition meeting and spoke to us about her non-profit yoga program through her studio SHRI yoga. Allison would help implement a program that would run for 30 minutes on Wednesday mornings at SK high school during the teacher planning time.
- A high school senior shared about their experience noticing students taking Aderol before SAT tests. It was shared that the use of these “smart drugs” became more prevalent the more the students retok the SAT test. SKPP will address this issue during Red Ribbon week and during the upcoming months with education and programs about prescription drugs.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Next Meeting November 12
- **Meetings for Year**
 - December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12
 - June date to be determined
- All meetings 4:30 , SKPD Community Room