

Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth Coalition Meeting
Hampden Police Department
January 20th, 2017 - Minutes

Attendance: Teri Brand, HWRSD Nurse Leader, Lori Cooney, Bethlehem Church, Ruth DiCristoforo, Coalition Coordinator, Gail Gramarossa, Coalition Prevention Consultant, Marcy Julian, Learn to Cope, Elveer Kovarik, Parent, Daniel Menard, HWRSD School Resource Officer, Michael Roy, HWRSD Athletics Director

- I. Welcome
Thank you to Chief Farnsworth and staff for hosting this month's meeting, including a tour of the facility.
- II. 2017 Calendars produced by the HWRSD ATI student group were districted to members, spotlighting the many different community activities this group engages in, throughout the year.
- III. WPA (Wilbraham Public Access) Links for Coalition Programs were handed out to members for the following programs, available for viewing:

Drugs & Alcohol: It's An Issue Here – 2016

Directed by MRHS student, Isabela Ferraro

The trailer was shown at January 25th, 2017 Opioids, Rx Drugs & Youth community education program, sponsored by the Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth, in partnership with Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

(49 minutes)

<http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T01869&video=299678>

Fact or Fiction: Marijuana and the Teen Brain program - October 12, 2016

Presented by Dr. Bertha Madras at MRHS

This community education program was sponsored by Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth (formerly known as Safe and Healthy Students coalition), in partnership with Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

(72 minutes)

<http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T01869&video=297224>

What is the Hampden-Wilbraham Drug-Free Coalition all about? - 2016

Members of the Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth coalition, (formerly known as the Safe and Healthy Students coalition), talk about their experiences at the National CADCA Leadership Forum, and what the local Coalition means to them and our communities.

(10 minutes)

<http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T01869&video=292400>

The link for the Opioids, Rx Drugs & Youth program, held on January 25th, is in progress and will be made available upon completion!

- IV. Our upcoming January 25th *Opioids, Rx Drugs & Youth*, program was discussed. A program schedule was reviewed with members, as well as distribution of the Coalition resource folder.
- V. Website Domain Name
Members discussed the recommendations for the Coalition website name. After considering all the input received from members by email, as well as during the live discussion period, consensus determined the name to be **Hampden-WilbrahamPartnersforYouth.Org**, or more simply explained as “our organization name.org”! (Thanks, Mike Roy.) Our launch date is March 2017.
- VI. On-going Activities for Coalition
1. Youth Risk Behavior Surveys – gearing up
Revisions to the YRBS are in progress. (Thank You Anthony Aube and Teri Brand for your assistance.) Information and opt-out letters will be mailed home at the February break; Survey will be posted for parent review in late February; survey administered to students (grades 7-12) before April break
 2. Year 4 DFC Continuation Request application due January 27th (This report is a DFC formality, and that while our Action Plan will be updated to include efforts to work with the community around impacts of marijuana legalization, the basic action plan will be consistent with our original proposal.)
 3. Mid-Year DFC Progress Report due by Midnight February 17th
 4. Carry-over request due late January/early February. We are asked to submit a plan for spending any dollars remaining from Year Two, and we are proposing to hold another "partners in prevention" event in June.
 5. Stop- Act Communications Coordinator – final round of interviews Monday 1/20/17 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Priorities: Website communication (work with Web-Tactics for site launch, assisting with writing content, and updating of site)
Face Book Communication (launch and maintenance)
Coalition Logo Contest - Youth and Community involvement
 6. CADCA National Leadership Conference (February 5th through February 8th)
Gina Kahn, Director Safe Schools /Healthy Kids, Ruth DiCristoforo, Coalition Coordinator,
Teri Brand, HWRSD Nurse, Dan Menard, HWRSD School Resource Officer, Peter Dufresne, WMS Principal
- VII. Member Activities/Discussions
What are we doing in our communities around the new marijuana laws? How are our communities responding to the new law? What are the impacts? What about e-vaping of BHO/THC products? What is the role of the Coalition in this area? Although marijuana legalization passed state-wide, the vote in Hampden and Wilbraham did NOT support legalization of recreational marijuana by the majority of voters.
- VIII. Next Meeting: 1 PM Friday, February 17th, 2017
Wilbraham Senior Center 45 Post Office Park # 4502
Wilbraham, MA 01095

SAVE THE DATE – March 29th

For our next community event: A Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking