

Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth - Minutes

Friday, March 17th, 2017 1:00 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School 621 Main Street, Wilbraham

Attendees: Ruth DiCristoforo, Kathy Fuss, Gail Gramarossa, Gina Kahn, Cindy Milner, Michael Roy, Kristen Stauffer, Chelsey Hahn

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Chelsey Hahn, Communications Coordinator was officially introduced to the members! Chelsey will be working on social media and communications projects, related to the STOP ACT grant.
- Support Cards were filled out by members, listing recent coalition-related activities since last meeting.

II. Coalition News and Updates

- Gina reported that the DFC Reporting: Year Four request; Year Two carryover request; and Year Three Mid-year report submitted! Whew – great job, Gina!
- Ruth recapped the highlights of the program and summarized the program evaluations for our Opioids, Rx Drugs & Youth January 25th program. Attendance hovered around 100, and program evaluations were solidly favorable. Dr. Ruth Potee was the Key note speaker, Mark Maserati gave a *One Choice Changes Everything* presentation, and a panel Q & A discussion with the audience, finished out the evening. Many thank you's to our community partners, who exhibited in the Expo, including a Drug Take Back table with Hampden PD, and a Narcan information table, along with the many volunteers, including the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club and MRHS ATI Student volunteers who helped out.
- YBRS- Youth Behavior Risk Survey – 2017 roll out is set to go for this year's survey.
- Ruth provided highlights to the recently attended CADCA February 6 – 8 Leadership Conference, held at the Inner Harbor, Maryland. Gina Kahn, Teri Brand, Dan Menard, Pete Dufresne and Ruth attended the conference, along with many members of other regional Coalitions. The strongest messages from the event were– Zero use must be the goal, talk early before they start using, and stay connected with your youth, at all ages. Also, The Surgeon General has published their first-ever report on addiction, November 11, 2016 titled: *Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health*.
- A Website and Facebook page, are on the horizon for the Coalition! We hope to launch a preview of the website very soon, for member feedback, as well as an invitation for members to be part of the website Community Partners page!
- Members discussed ways to identify a logo for the Coalition: run a contest for the logo idea and then bring the idea to a professional graphic design person, ask students to design the idea, keep the logo theme about Prevention of Youth Substance Use, being united for safe, healthy, and drug-free communities!
- DFC Site-Visit (June 2017) The National evaluation team for CADCA requested a site-visit of the Coalition, based on our work around Opioids. The agenda for the visit is being worked out, and members will play an important role in this visit! Stay tuned.

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III. SAVE THE DATES:

A. Wednesday, March 29th - Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting

Our third Community program, of the year, is being held in less than two weeks! Please attend and bring a friend! There is still time to participate in the Expo, before the program, also.

B. June 2017 – Second Annual Partners in Prevention Forum

- The second annual Partners in Prevention forum is being organized, with assistance from CADCA leadership, once again. This year's topic will focus on: Environmental strategies to prevent youth substance use. Members will be updated as a date and location are determined, with CADCA, for us to further discuss the details of the agenda.

IV. Coalition Partner News (please add your updates!)

- Youth Mental Health First Aid Courses offered – Many upcoming classes. Please contact Teri, for dates and locations at tbrand@hwrdsd.org or Gina at gkahn@hwrdsd.org
- Above The Influence calendars were distributed to all members. Great work, ATI!

V. Next Meeting: Friday, April 28th

MRHS – Superintendent's Conference Room
1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.



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