

Minutes of the Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Burrillville Police Headquarters

Those present were: David Alba, David Beauchemin, Monica Blanchette, Diane Carlton, Steve Diehl, Amanda Gingell, Michelle Harter, Dennis Leahey, Col. Lynch, Norman Mainville, John Mattson, John Pacheco, Frank Pallotta, Raechel Robidoux, Ray Trinqué, Beth Ullucci, Mitch Weintraub.

1. Welcome
 - a. Monica Blanchette called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.
2. Approval March Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was approved.
3. New Business
 - a. Monica Blanchette
 - i. PFS Grant Update
 1. First round of data entry is complete. URI is reviewing the data and will give feedback.
 2. Have not heard if an extension has been approved.
 - ii. Project ALERT Update
 1. Completed working with four 8th grade classes at BMS. Program doesn't seem to be successful for 8th grade with only 3 classes. Program is more successful for the twelve 7th grade lessons. Monica would like to get into the 6th grade classrooms to discuss vaping.
 - iii. Speaking on PTC Night at BHS on April 12
 1. Monica is able to present, not sure if she can stay for follow-up questions.
 2. Dave Alba suggested doing a general overview (including vaping) and be available for follow-up questions.
 - iv. Presentation at Steere Farm on May 31st
 1. Monica Blanchette will speak to students and Dave Beauchemin will speak to parents about vaping.
 - v. Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, April 28
 1. Monica is going to start publicizing it on social media.
 2. Prescriptions can be dropped off at the blue box outside the BPD.
 3. Col. Lynch noted that they have sometimes filled 2 SUVs with drugs that have been discarded.
 - vi. Health & Wellness Fair – September
 1. Part of the regional grant includes holistic health. Monica suggested that Burrillville hosts a health and wellness fair.
 2. It was suggested to do it in August since there is already a fair planned for September. Or, combine it with the September fair.
 3. Ray Trinqué offered to give Monica the name of a connection to the VA hospital.
 - b. Michelle Harter
 - i. Addiction Assistance Program Update
 1. Excited to potentially partner with ?

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2. Ad placed in the Bargain Buyer
 3. Has been successfully working with 2 families this week
 - ii. CODE Grant Update
 1. Introduced Mitch Weintraub. Hoping to get a scholarship to bring Mitch to Washington, DC to attend trainings on advocacy.
4. Town Hall Opioid Forum: Mitch Weintraub @ The Assembly Theatre
 - a. Wednesday, May 16th @ 6:30 pm
 - b. Mitch presented to BHS recently (videos were recorded) and can be viewed on the BPAC Facebook page.)
 - c. Monica and Michelle asked Mitch to sit on the panel for the Town Hall Opioid Forum.
 - d. Lisa Sciacca at BHS has offered to help make posters
 - e. Tacos and water will be served
 - f. Monica will look at changing the date
5. Mock Crash
 - a. Friday, April 27th, 2018 @ Burrillville High School 9am-11am
 - i. 15 students are signed up to participate
6. Reports
 - a. School
 - i. Pre-Prom dinner was last week. Very successful! 120 students and parents attended. Dan Fitzgerald was the guest speaker and did a great job.
 - b. Police
 - i. Col. Lynch noted that they took someone into custody who was currently addicted. Michelle Harter was able to have someone at the ACI to reach out to him to assist with his addiction.
 - ii. Col. Lynch also commended everyone for marketing BPAC and getting the word out throughout the town.
 - iii. Regarding school safety; Col. Lynch commended Capt. Mainvielle and Capt. Smith for collaborating with the BPD.
 - c. Fire
7. Other Announcements
 - a. Ray Trinqué came to the meeting to show his support of BPAC.
 - b. John Pacheco asked about a BHS student who is attending a national SADD event. Diane Carlton will give that student's information to John so they could give her a proclamation at the next town council meeting.
 - c. Dr. Pallotta asked about left over money from past grants.
 - d. Dr. Pallotta asked if we still have a publicity company working for us and are currently still on the payroll. They are not.
 - e. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:00pm at Burrillville Police Headquarters