

# Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
Burrillville Police Headquarters

Those in attendance were: Monica Blanchette, John Mattson, Beth Ullucci, Amanda Gingell, Monica Tomson, David Alba, John Lawrence, Michael Sollitto, William Lacey, Kristin Raimond, Mackenzie Raimond, Michelle Harter, Col. Stephen Lynch, Dennis Leahey, Margaret Gradie, David Beauchemin, & Steven Diehl

## Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval July Minutes – A motion was made to approve the July Minutes. The motion passed.
3. Reminder BPAC Meetings will return to the first Wednesday of the month starting in September
4. Welcome Burrillville's New Superintendent, Michael Sollitto!
5. New Business
  - a. Monica Blanchette
    - i. Green Festival in September Update
      1. Due to personal and scheduling issues in July, neither Monica or Tommy Smith were able to meet to confirm and contact vendors. BPAC/BAAP and Special Needs Registry will still have tables.
  - b. Michelle Harter
    - i. Addiction Assistance Program Update
      1. 7000 households in Burrillville will receive mailer pamphlets regarding the program by the end of August.
      2. Now has a website that people in and out of Burrillville can use for information regarding addiction, treatment, & recovery
      3. The program is growing with more clients and volunteers
    - ii. Governor's Overdose Task Force is working with the State Police to develop a Statewide Addiction Assistance Initiative
      1. Planned to begin in October
      2. Not every PD is willing to participate just yet; they want to tailor to the needs of their municipalities
      3. Each PD would have either a clinician or Peer Recovery Specialist
      4. Michelle has been working with Capt. Moynihan, explaining Burrillville's model
6. Reports
  - a. School
    - i. Freshman Orientation on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm
    - ii. Project ALERT scheduled for grades 7 & 8 from October through December
    - iii. Monica has been working with Barbara Demasco at BHS to make updates in the high school health curriculum, specifically the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Looking to include information on brain function, mental health, effects of substances on the brain, coping skills, and options for treatment
  - b. Police

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- i. Update on the B&E's in town. Two men were caught and charges have been brought to court
- c. Fire
- 7. Other Announcements
  - a. John Lawrence completed writing the letter, on behalf of the coalition, to increase taxes on vape products as a prevention effort
    - i. Monica to email to everyone in BPAC to review

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.