

Minutes of the Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Burrillville Police Headquarters

Those in attendance were: Gaby Abbate, David Alba, Brandy Bates, Monica Blanchette, Diane Carlton, Amanda Gingell, Margaret Gradie, Michelle Harter, William Lacey, Stephen Lynch, Janet Lyons, Julie Mayhew, Janet McLinden, John Pacheco, Frank Pallotta, Raechel Robidoux, Monica Tomson & Beth Ullucci,

1. Moment of Silence
 - a. The members had a moment of silence in memory of firefighter, Richard Jenks, who died in the line of duty this morning at a fire in Burrillville.
 - b. Col. Lynch thanked Amanda for her outstanding service at the fire today.
2. Welcome/Introductions
 - a. Anyone who did not attend January's meeting asked to fill out Contact Information Sheet
 - b. Survey for attendees re: knowledge of substance use in Burrillville – please fill out and return to Michelle.
3. Approval January Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed.
4. New Business
 - a. Monica Blanchette in the community
 - i. Monica reported that she has been to BHS & BMS Support Services Meetings, BSD Principals' Meeting, SFE for Great Kindness Challenge Kick-Off w/Chris Poulos, Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, DPW and chaperoned a Skate Night
 - ii. Goals for February:
 1. Form Youth Coalition
 2. Meet with Well One
 - b. Regional Coalition – Town Hall Meeting re: opiates
 - i. Part of the State Targeted Response Grant
 - ii. Timeline April/May 2018 and Location
 1. Meet at the BPD Community Room or Community room at the Jesse Smith Library or the Assembly Theatre to show a movie
 - iii. Possibly show parts of *Four Legs to Stand On* or *Chasing the Dragon*
 - c. BPAC Website Updated
 - i. New Image to represent Burrillville & updated contact information
 - ii. Student Blogs for February – June
 1. Monica spoke to a BMS English teacher and hoping to meet with a BHS English teacher about getting students to write for the blog.
 2. It was suggested that Monica contact BMS & BHS PE teachers about it as well.
 - d. Black Balloon National Campaign
 - i. Looking into participating this year.

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- ii. The Black Balloons are tied outside homes and buildings in remembrance of those who have died from opioid overdose.
 - iii. More details to follow
- e. Michelle Harter
 - i. Addiction Assistance Program Update
 1. Michelle and Monica visited several restaurants and bars throughout the town to drop off the Road to Recovery pamphlets.
 2. The ad in the Bargain Buyer was helpful. Michelle was able to help three people who called for assistance.
 3. During the month of February, she has had 6 unique contacts. Two were overdose calls. Both survived.
 4. Has made several home visits and has had both positive and negative responses.
 5. Starting a Family Support Group next month.
 6. Has noticed that the community is slowing learning about what we have to offer either through ads or social media.
 7. Will be meeting with town-hall specific employees on March 1st.
 8. Will present the Burrillville Addiction Program to the RI Governor's Overdose Task Force in April.
- 5. Mock Crash
 - a. Scheduled for Friday, April 27th, 2018
 - b. Diane Carlton will invite Monica to the planning meeting
- 6. Reports
 - a. School
 - i. BHS Pre-Prom Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th @ 6:00pm
 - ii. BHS is looking for new presentations for the high school kids
 - iii. two weeks ago, BMS 7th & 8th graders participated in an assembly given by David Neill from the United States Attorney's Office. Mr. Neill discussed tobacco, vaping/the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) and marijuana.
 - iv. BMS STAR has a dance coming up in April
 - v. Project Alert
 1. Scheduled to start teaching to 7th & 8th graders @ BMS at the end of the month.
 - vi. Fly Sense – Vaping and bullying detector
 1. Raechel discussed (see attachment for description)
 2. Monica is looking into details
 - b. Police
 - i. Students can be charged for vaping in school under the *Use of Tobacco by Minors* law.
 - ii. Police officers are embracing the Addiction Assistance Program

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- c. Fire
 - i. Three overdoses in the past 2 weeks. (Not all heroin)
 - ii. Amanda Gingell mentioned that there is a cost to enter all BHS sporting events. She suggested that BPAC sponsor an event so students can get in to a game for no charge.
 - iii. Amanda thanked the police department for their assistance at the fire today.
- 7. Other Announcements
 - a. **Narcan training** (drop in sessions) information (attached)
 - b. **(401) 942-STOP (7867)** - If you or a loved one is struggling with the disease of addiction, call Rhode Island's Hope & Recovery hotline at 401-942-STOP (7867). English and/or Spanish-speaking licensed counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to connect callers with local treatment options and recovery support services.
 - c. **Rhode Island Centers of Excellence** - Please see the attached PDF regarding the Rhode Island Centers of Excellence for the treatment of opioid use disorder. BHDDH created this one-pager to represent all of the locations and contact information for COEs throughout the state. Margaret can print and share this handout for the prevention coalition representatives.
 - d. **PreventOverdoseRI.org** - PreventOverdoseRI.org is Rhode Island's overdose dashboard, with local treatment and recovery resources and up-to-date overdose data. The site has been developed for a variety of audiences including those struggling with the disease of addiction and their loved ones seeking treatment options and support services. It is the hub for all initiatives, events, and resources related to the overdose epidemic in Rhode Island.
 - e. **Kick Butts Zombie Walk** information (attached)
 - f. Dr. Pallotta thanked Monica and Michelle for taking the program over. It's picking up speed now and improving!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 5:00pm at Burrillville Police Headquarters