

# Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
Burrillville Police Headquarters

Those in attendance were: Monica Blanchette, Dennis Anderson, Beth Ullucci, Amanda Gingell, Michelle Harter, Margaret Gradie, David Alba, David Brissette, John Mattson, Dennis Leahey, Col. Stephen Lynch, Steven Diehl, David Beauchemin, Thomas Smith, & Silvia St. Pierre

## Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval June Minutes – A motion was made to approve the June Minutes. The motion passed.
3. Reminder the next BPAC Meeting will take place on the second Wednesday:
  - a. August 1<sup>st</sup> moved to **August 8<sup>th</sup>**
4. New Business
  - a. Monica Blanchette
    - i. PFS Grant Update
      1. Grant is in Fiscal Year 5
      2. Grant ends September 30, 2018
      3. Waiting to hear back from BHDDH regarding a no-cost extension
      4. Possibility of PFS II – if approved, it would start October 1, 2018
    - ii. Tobacco Free Teen Alliance Grant
      1. Being applied for by the regional coalition, BPAC submitted necessary documents to receive funding from this grant
      2. Total amount to be received unknown; however, it is known to be a modest amount
      3. If approved for the Regional Coalition, initiatives and funding would start in December 2018 and end in November 2019
    - iii. Family Fair – Saturday, June 16, 2018
      1. Successful turn-out with some great discussions with Burrillville residents regarding BPAC and BAAP initiatives
      2. Five people were trained to use Naloxone by Michelle Harter
    - iv. Green Festival in September
      1. Section next to the library for our “Health & Wellness” vendors – maximum of 17 vendors
      2. If we only have a couple of vendors, the Green festival planners/coordinators can move us on to the main grass area
      3. Ideas and suggestions for vendors are welcome, as are volunteers to help reach out and coordinate the Health & Wellness section
  - b. Michelle Harter
    - i. Addiction Assistance Program Update
      1. CODE Grant awarded to BAAP – waiting on the federal government to fund BHDDH to begin initiatives and receive funding for BAAP
      2. Applied for a \$4900 Grant to begin a Recovery Coach Academy
        - a. Should know by the end of August if BAAP is awarded the grant

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- b. Peer-to-Peer
    - c. Plenty of people who are interested in becoming Recovery Coaches – help to expand BAAP by having more people doing outreach and facilitating meetings with clients
  - 3. Since the end of January 2018, BAAP has seen 53 individuals
    - a. 18% of individuals are in treatment
      - i. Of those, 14% are Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)
      - ii. Unofficial partnership with WellOne to provide MAT
    - b. 4% are in recovery housing
    - c. 18% are in 12 Step Groups
    - d. 16% attend the Women’s Support Group
    - e. 43% See Michelle for Peer-to-Peer Support
    - f. 2% see an outside coach
    - g. 30% who have reached out to the program cannot be reached
    - h. 10% relapsed
      - i. Nationally, 92% of Opioid Users relapse within the first 30 Days of Recovery
      - ii. Nationally, 80% of individuals with Alcohol Use Disorder relapse within the first 30 days of Recovery
5. Reports
- a. School
    - i. Summer School began on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. 82 of the 735+ students from BHS are attending
  - b. Police
    - i. 1 overdose death a couple weeks ago
    - ii. Col. Lynch has provided a HIDTA handout regarding information re: Vaping
    - iii. National Grid’s donation of \$1000, through Leadership RI, for BAAP has come through
    - iv. June 18<sup>th</sup> Officer Beauchemin and Monica presented to parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
      - 1. Sadly, only 4 parents and 3 students showed up
      - 2. Discussion regarding a major need to find ways to get parents to attend information/educational meetings for their children
        - a. The ones who do attend, generally, are aware of issues being discussed and not necessarily part of the target population
        - b. Chris Herren was a success when he came to present, possibility of finding more presenters like him could be the solution
    - v. Tobacco King in Johnston, a student identified e-cigarette retailer, was looked into by Johnston’s Coalition and PD, per BPAC’s request, for selling to minors

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1. The retailer is checking all individuals for IDs and Johnston PD has found that adolescents are using fake IDs to purchase vape/e-cigarette products
    2. No word regarding the retailer in North Smithfield as of yet
  - vi. Looking for funding to purchase Naloxone kits to increase supply for PD and BAAP
    1. Possibility of funding through Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, DOH
- c. Fire
  - i. Harrisville had one overdose and it took 12mg of Naloxone to bring the individual out it.
  - ii. Pascoag had one individual who was alcohol intoxicated try to set off fireworks and ended up being injured and burned
  - iii. Pascoag had a call yesterday to an individual experiencing Delirium Tremens (DTs)
6. Other Announcements
  - a. Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, along with the Burrillville School Department and Parks & Rec., started the Summer Meals Program
    - i. Provide free lunches to Monday through Friday from 12-1 at the pavilion for children 18 and younger through August 24, 2018
  - b. Discussion on Vaping Issue in Burrillville Schools
    - i. Not sure if there are any evidence-based practices that exist for prevention which would allow for grant funding
    - ii. Request to look into vaping detectors for the school bathrooms
    - iii. Change in school policies re: vaping
      1. Suspension is being referred to as a "Vape-cation" by students, so new measures are being put in place to help reduce vaping incidents in school
      2. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense will go to the SRO and students will have to go in front of the Juvenile Hearing Board
      3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense will go to family court
    - iv. Can there be punishments created that could impede graduation with regard to vaping/substance use, as a way to deter students from making poor health choices?
    - v. Is there a correlation between students who vape and parents that vape?
    - vi. Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library put a "no vaping" policy in effect and strictly enforces it

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.