

Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Burrillville Police Headquarters

Those in attendance were: John Pacheco, Amanda Gingell, Lisa Schiffmann, Michelle Harter, Col. Stephen Lynch, William Lacey, John Mattson, Gabrielle Abbate, Dave Beauchemin, David Alba, David Brissette, Katelyn Raimond, Kristin Raimond, Mackenzie Raimond, Frank Pallotta, Monica Tomson, Dennis Leahey, & Monica Blanchette.

Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval May Minutes – A motion was made to approve the May Minutes. The motion passed.
3. Reminder the following BPAC Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday:
 - a. July 4th moved to **July 11th**
 - b. August 1st moved to **August 8th**
4. New Business
 - a. Monica Blanchette
 - i. Town Hall Opioid Forum Summary –
 1. 55 people were in attendance; in contrast a neighboring community only had 11 people in attendance
 2. Find more ways to reach out to residents to attend, work on better marketing campaigns
 3. The stigma of substance use might be preventing people from attending these types of forums
 - ii. PFS Grant Update
 1. Year 5 of the grant begins July 1, 2018 and ends September 30, 2018
 2. Budget for Year 5 = \$24,000.00
 - iii. Farmers' Markets
 1. BPAC represented with a table set-up on both Saturday, June 2, 2018 & Saturday, June 9, 2018.
 - iv. Family Fair – Saturday, June 16, 2018
 1. BPAC & BAAP will have tables with BPD.
 - v. Green Festival in September
 1. PUD approved to have a "Health & Wellness" section
 - vi. BPAC Credit Card
 1. Monica requested approval from the coalition to have a credit card for prevention supplies and related purchases
 2. Suggestion to nominate and elect a Treasurer as a "check & balance"
 3. Must adhere to the Town Policies regarding a credit card
 4. A motion was made to approve a credit card for BPAC. The motion passed.
 - b. Michelle Harter
 - i. Addiction Assistance Program Update
 1. A couple of new clients
 2. Many clients are currently receiving recovery coaching

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3. Additional marketing will be taking place for the program
 - a. The Burrillville Bugle – reaches 6700 residents
 4. Re-vamping of the brochure to include up-to-date statistics & quotes from clients regarding the program
 5. BAAP & BPAC will be speaking at the Lions Club Meeting in October 2018.
 6. BAAP & BPAC invited to speak to the Gloucester Business Association
 7. Community partnership with WellOne in planning stage
 8. Family Group on Monday evenings successful – group of women
 9. Second group to be created to be inclusive of men in the community
 - a. Planning to begin in August 2018
5. Reports
- a. School
 - i. Officer Beauchemin & Monica to present at SFE on June 18th @ 6:00pm
 - b. Police
 - i. Swore in 3 new officers who are currently in FTO Training
 1. 1 from Burrillville, 1 from Connecticut, and 1 from Providence
 2. First African-American Officer in Burrillville
 - ii. Col. Lynch, Lt. Lacey, & Gaby Abbate presented BAAP at the East Greenwich Coalition meeting last week
 1. East Greenwich requested to see the Mock Crash video – not completed yet
 - iii. In search of Narcan resources to build a supply for BAAP
 - iv. Officer Beauchemin reported an update on vaping at BHS & BMS
 1. BHS had 9 violations total last school year; as of last week the violations for vaping have increased to 84, 4 of which had marijuana pods; BMS has had 4 sixth graders caught vaping
 - a. Students who do not want vaping in school are reporting on students who are vaping in school
 2. Currently, the school handles the first offense, second offense students get charged – Officer Beauchemin would like the policy to change so that students are charged on their first offense.
 3. Discussion about reasons for vaping:
 - a. Some students are vaping to help curb their appetite and lose weight
 - b. Students do not understand the unhealthy effects of vaping because it is so new and effects are not visible/have not touched families in the same ways as cigarettes
 - c. It has become a challenge to some students to vape in class and not get caught

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- d. It seems more glamorous; female students at URI have more “feminine” vape pens; seems “clean” whereas smoking cigarettes is seen as “trashy”
- c. Fire
 - i. Michelle & Monica presenting respective programs on June 18th @ 7:30pm
- 6. Other Announcements
- 7. Presented Mackenzie Raimond with Substance Abuse Prevention Award
- 8. Presented Dr. Pallotta with Founder’s Award

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.