

**City of Franklin
Mayor's Drug Abuse Task Force**

Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2009 6:30-8pm at Franklin Regional Hospital

Present: Chief David Goldstein & Lieutenant Stephanie Clough (Franklin Police); Sheriff Scott Hilliard (Merrimack County); Melissa Rizzo (Franklin Regional Hospital-LRGH); Michael Loomis (CCNTR); Bill Grimm (LRGHealthcare Board); Mayor Ken Merrifield, City Manager Elizabeth Corrow, City Councilor Bob Sharon (City of Franklin), Kathleen Russo (Franklin School Board), Jennifer Pendarvis (Franklin High School ELO), Alan Schneider (Citizen), Alison Christy (Franklin High School), Katy Shea (CRCPC Coalition)

CCNTR Alcohol Abuse Prevention Team Update

The three selected Strategies and Evidenced-Based Activities are underway and will be continuing through next September funded by the Capital Region Community Prevention Coalition in the Franklin/Hill sub-region. The first strategy **Coalition Building**, continues to build a coalition comprised of a diverse cross-section of the community, including representatives of the 12 community sectors. A major step toward this was merging with the Mayor's Drug Abuse Task Force, but we still are looking for representatives from youth ages 12-18, business, and faith. The AAPT coordinator has performed 25 one-on-one's with small community groups and individuals informing them about the CRCPC and AAPT as well as the work being done to prevent and reduce underage drinking and young adult binge drinking. AAPT is also working to promote the State Tip Line (NH 211) to report and prevent underage drinking parties. The second strategy **Media Literacy**, is working to implement a program through Franklin High School's Extended Learning Opportunity. The third strategy **Consistent Enforcement of Alcohol Related Laws and Policies**, is working to build support for enforcement, conduct compliance checks, respond to reports from NH 211 on underage drinking by performing "party patrols", enforcing the Social Host Liability Law and publicizing enforcement activities.

Substance Use Statistics

The Task Force received data and statistics from Emergency Room admissions, Franklin Police arrests, and Franklin District Court drug charges. The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey results will be released in January for Franklin High School. This data is being provided to Michael Loomis and Katy Shea to organize and present at the next meeting.

Local Citizen's Offer

A visitor who works with Alcoholics Anonymous and speaks to high schools throughout the region on alcohol and addiction joined the Task Force. He would like to work with Franklin High School on any opportunities to come and speak with the students.

Facilitating Logic Model/Work Plan Session

Michael volunteered to find a resource to lead the Task Force through creating a logic model or work plan of priorities and outcomes the Task Force would like to achieve in working to reduce substance abuse in Franklin and surrounding communities.

Drug Free Communities Grant

Katy Shea informed the Task Force about the grant and timeline. It should be released in January with a due date in March. It will be important to have set our objectives and substances we would like to work on if we apply for this grant by the end of our January meeting. This region has received a Drug Free Communities Grant, which ended a few years ago. The fiscal agent was Child and Family Services for the first 4 years, then CCNTR the 5th and final year. Rick Silverberg of CCNTR offered to help write the grant and we even can get copies of Dover's grant, which they have received recently. Elizabeth Corrow, Franklin City Manager, offered to form a sub-committee to write the grant as well.

Franklin High School Chem-Free Prom Party

This year's chem-free is in need of help in organizing and planning the event.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm, next meeting will be January 19th at 6:30pm in Franklin Regional Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Loomis, CCNTR