City of Franklin Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2010 6-8pm at Franklin Regional Hospital

Present: Elizabeth Dragon (City Manager); Chief Dave Goldstein (Franklin Police); Mayor Ken Merrifield (City of Franklin); Lynn Haskell (Merrimack County Juvenile Diversion); Melissa Rizzo (Franklin Regional Hospital/LRGH); Liz Lawrence (Caring Community Network of Twin Rivers); Suzann Caldon (Nathan Brody CD Program); Jamie Powers (Phoenix House of Franklin); Jason Vezina (resident/parent).

Presentation: Deb Naro, Executive Director of CADY, gave a power point presentation on their work over the past 8yrs building a coalition in the Plymouth and Newfound area. Deb also gave handouts and examples of press releases, program announcements, and other marketing/educational material they have used over the years. Deb offered assistance to the group for the future.

Chief Goldstein announced that he will have a drug dog present at the next task force meeting for a demonstration.

Elizabeth Dragon announced that we should know if the task force was successful at getting our grant by the end of the month and that will in large part determine the topics for our next agenda and what the next steps of the task force will be.

It was also noted that attendance was low this evening likely because no meeting reminder went out to task force members.

Elizabeth Dragon, Melissa Rizzo and Liz Lawrence will meet in the upcoming weeks to discuss use of some available grant funds that CCNTR has access to and what sort of things we could accomplish with those funds. Funds must be used by the end of September. Ideas such as refrigerator magnets with the 211 info and task force name, creating some marketing materials, and doing some additional police patrols was discussed.

The Next Meeting will be Sept 9th from 6-8pm at FRH

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Dragon