

MAYOR'S DRUG and ALCOHOL ABUSE TASK FORCE

Thursday December 9, 2010

6pm-8pm

Health First Family Care – CCNTR Meeting Room

Attendees:

Melissa Rizzo, Sheriff Hilliard, Liz Lawrence, School Board Chair Kathie Russo, Mayor Merrifield, Manager Dragon, Chief Goldstein, Becca Paulin, Patti Fowler, Brian Boynton, Michael McLaughlin-student, Rep. Kathy Lauer-Rago, Jason Vezina, Cary Gladstone Casey Family Services, Lynn Haskell Merrimack County Juvenile Diversion program.

The group was escorted to the entry of Health First, where Liz Lawrence showed everyone the new resource rack that was provided through NH BDAS / HHS. It can be used to present messages from the Task Force also.

Back at the conference table, City Manager Dragon covered a number of points:

Elizabeth asked for introductions (and an attendance sheet), and explained that our attendance counts towards the in-kind efforts for the federal grant.

She also updated the group on hiring efforts for the project coordinator, a key member of the Task Force who will be a Franklin city employee. The position will be re-advertised soon.

The Manager and Mayor described their attendance at the required DFC conference in Washington DC earlier that week, and Elizabeth discussed several of the grant requirements that she had learned about.

Elizabeth discussed NH legislative initiatives by the city surrounding a ban on K2/Spice and also a Prescription Monitoring Program.

She distributed Task Force magnets including 2-1-1 (which were funded by CCNTR and Liz Lawrence) and the group discussed possible additions or changes to the design for future editions. It was suggested by Jason Vezina that we make an effort to distribute these at key times (i.e. before prom & graduation).

Everyone from the group then described their own efforts or asked questions about material that had been raised earlier.

Next meeting: Franklin Regional Hospital Conference Room – Thursday, Jan 13, 2011 at 6:00pm.