

# Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

Sept 8, 2011

5-7pm; Franklin Regional Hospital Conference Room A/B

Attendee	Sector Represented
Amanda Snyder	Healthcare (Phoenix House)
Peter DalPra, LADC	Healthcare (Phoenix House)
Jason Vezina	Parent
Ken Merrifield	Local Government (Mayor)
Lt. Stephanie Clough	Law Enforcement
Sue Smart	Civic/Volunteer Group
Joe Giunta	Fraternal Organization
Lynn Haskell	Youth Serving Organization
Bill Grimm	Healthcare (LRGH Board of Trustees)
Melissa Rizzo	Healthcare (LRGH Community Educator)
Katy Shea	Parent/Other Org. involved in reducing substance abuse
Rhonda Henault	State Agency with expertise in substance abuse (DHHS/DCYF)
Traci Fowler	Coalition Coordinator

### Agenda Items:

- **Welcome and Introductions**
  - Meeting sign-in with 'Sector Represented'
- **Quick Overview of Upcoming Events**
  - Volunteers Needed
- **Member Development**
  - Street Drugs & Trends

- **Guest Speaker \*Spotlight on Local Resources\***

Phoenix House Franklin is committed to protecting and supporting individuals, families, and communities affected by substance abuse and dependency. They realize their mission through: A focus on the distinct needs of every person; A holistic approach that seeks to address mental, physical, and social health; The innovation of best-in-class prevention, treatment, and recovery programs; and the promotion of greater understanding of addiction. **Peter DalPra**, Director of Phoenix House Franklin will present information about this organization, the work they do and trends they see in regard to substance abuse and addiction in our area.

### Quick Overview of Upcoming Events – Volunteers Needed

- OPEN HOUSE nights/Education for Parents/Caregivers
  - September 15<sup>th</sup> FHS Open House 6-8pm; Resource Table for parents
  - September 21<sup>st</sup> FMS Open House 6-7pm Resource Table for parents, 7-8pm Prescription Drug Information Session with Professional Panel. Door prizes, snacks provided!
- Lights On Afterschool/The Money Show
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> FMS 4-6pm Resource Table for parents; Games and Giveaways for kids
- TRIP Center/Education for Seniors

- October 27<sup>th</sup> TRIP Center 10:30am – 11:30am Prescription Drug Information Session with Professional Panel. Door prizes!
- Volunteers Needed – a volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for each of these events.

### **Member Development**

- Street Drugs & Trends – This is an all-day workshop provided by NHTIAD. Training takes place in Concord. These are very reputable trainings, and through our DFC Grant, we have funds for Task Force Member development. Interested members were directed to sign up via the Task Force Coordinator.

### **Guest Speaker \*Spotlight on Local Resources\***

Phoenix House Franklin Center staff Peter DalPra and Amanda Snyder gave a very informational presentation about the treatment and services that the Franklin Center provides, and also presented an overview of addiction.

Important points from this presentation include:

- Phoenix House has programs in all 6 New England states.
- Phoenix House Franklin Center is currently an 11-bed facility that offers Detox services, a 28-day rehabilitation program and transitional living for individuals recovering from their addiction(s).
- All questions about services offered and addiction resources can be made to: **1-800-DRUG-HELP**
- Treatment options for adolescents: Very limited in our state! There are only 6 state-funded beds for adolescents in NH (located in Dublin, NH).
- Webster Place, which is right across the street from Phoenix House, is not a treatment facility but rather a recovery center.
- The earlier a person starts abusing a substance, the easier it is to become addicted! This is where youth prevention and parent education come into play.

More information about Phoenix House can be found at: [www.phoenixhouse.org](http://www.phoenixhouse.org)

## **October Meeting:**

*Join us for a celebration to reflect on our first year with DFC grant funds!*

**October 13th, 5-7pm @ Franklin Regional Hospital**

Contact Traci Fowler with any questions/comments: [tfowler@franklinnh.org](mailto:tfowler@franklinnh.org)

A meeting agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting!