

Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2012

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

Attendee	Sector Represented
Melissa Rizzo	Healthcare (LRGH)
Grace Girtman	Parent
Robert Lucas	Franklin resident; SAU 18 School Board
Rob Groleau	Paul Smith School/Parent Involvement Committee
Lynn Haskell	Youth Serving Organization (Merrimack Co. Youth Diversion)
Sarah Sadowski	Other Substance Abuse Prevention Organization
Marie Brackinridge	Parent/Franklin High School
Pam Crowley	Parent
Joyce Baca	Parent
Brian Boynton	Parent/Franklin High School
Mike Gogan	Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) Member
Meaghan Corning	Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) Member
Jason Vezina	Parent
Joe Giunta	Fraternal Organization
Ken Merrifield	City of Franklin
Chief David Goldstein	Law Enforcement
Bill Grimm	LRGH Board of Trustees
Amanda Snyder, LADC	Healthcare (Phoenix House)
Katy Shea	Parent/DFC Evaluator
Traci Fowler	Coalition Coordinator

Agenda Items:

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Meeting sign-in with 'Sector Represented'
 - Volunteer Timesheet Reminder
- **Volunteer Help Needed**
 - April 28th National Take Back Day, 10am – 2pm
 - May 12th Franklin Community Day
 - May 19th Chem-Free After Prom Party 11pm – 6am
- **Quick Updates/Announcements**
 - SB 286 (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)
 - HB 1526 (Marijuana Decriminalization) – Senate Judiciary Hearing, Thursday 4/19 @ 1:45pm
 - Other Legislative Updates?
 - Community Updates?
- **Moving from Planning to Implementation ... *time in smaller work groups***
 - Ongoing Projects
 - Parent Education & Training
 - Implementing & Enforcing ATOD Policies at FHS

Volunteer Help Needed

April 28th National Take Back Day, 10am – 2pm

Help needed with set-up & clean-up, handing out resources to community members.

Volunteers who signed up: Joe Giunta, Bob Lucas, Grace Girtman

May 12th Franklin Community Day

Help needed with set-up & clean-up, handing out resources to community members, talking about Task Force initiatives, etc.

Volunteers who signed up: Melissa Cogan

May 19th Chem-Free After Prom Party 11pm – 6am

Help needed to chaperone students at various locations throughout FHS

Volunteers who signed up: Bob Lucas, Sarah Sadowski, Shannon Libby, Melissa Cogan, Grace Girtman, Jason Vezina, Ken Merrifield

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help! More information will be emailed re: your commitment.

Quick Updates/Announcements

SB 286 (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)

On March 21st, by a voice vote (no voices were heard in opposition), the full Senate voted SB 286 'Ought to Pass with Amendment' and sent it over to the House. The amendment created an advisory council to support the Pharmacy Board in carrying out its work to implement the PMP. Your voices - at the public hearing and in conversation with your Senators - created enormous momentum on SB 286 and were a huge factor in this successful vote.

The bill now moves onto the House where the challenge will be greater.

Next step: The House will schedule the bill for a public hearing. As soon as we know when, we will notify you so that you can reach out to your representative.

HB 1526 (Marijuana Decriminalization) – Senate Judiciary Hearing, Thursday 4/19 @ 1:45pm

This past February, the Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) students had their first advocacy experience in front of the NH Legislature. The students gave excellent testimony in opposition to HB 1526, which proposed to decriminalize up to ½ ounce of marijuana. This bill passed the House by only ONE vote, and now has “crossed over” to the Senate, where it will be heard in the Judiciary Committee. If anyone is interested in either offering testimony OR just sitting and watching the process, please let Traci know.

Traci will work with the FYI Advisor to get the FYI students back to Concord to continue their advocacy efforts.

Other Legislative Updates?

We are also paying attention to the Medical Marijuana Bill, which has been gaining support. For current updates and to stay informed, please connect with the New Futures website ... <http://www.new-futures.org/>

Community Updates?

- New City of Franklin website coming soon!!! We are excited to also announce that the Task Force will also have its own webpage.

- On April 20th, Franklin will be recognized on NH Chronicle – don't miss it! A Franklin resident will be spotlighted for her lifelong volunteer efforts in the community.

Moving from Planning to Implementation ... time in smaller work groups

After a couple of months of collecting local data (focus groups and key informant interviews), Melissa, Katy and Traci reviewed all of the collected material and there were two clear initiatives that rose to the top. Both of these initiatives fit with our Logic Models but add another layer of specificity, which is what we were hoping for by collecting this local data.

We are a fairly small group (with only one paid staff member) and have to break this work up to use our time most efficiently. Each work group will have time during the monthly Task Force meetings, and if communication is needed in between monthly meetings, it is up to the work group members to coordinate that among themselves.

Work groups topics are as follows: **see additional Work Group notes at the end of these minutes**

- Ongoing Projects
- Parent Education & Training
- Implementing & Enforcing ATOD Policies at FHS

Work Groups were asked to move through a series of “prompts” about their topic, and to identify a **1) Work Group Lead 2) How the Work Group will communicate b/w Task Force meetings 3) Task Assignments and Next Steps**

May Meeting:

May 10th, 5-7pm @ Franklin Regional Hospital

Contact Traci Fowler with any questions/comments: tfowler@franklinnh.org

A meeting agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting!

Ongoing Projects

Traci is primarily working from this list of projects. Additional ongoing help is needed to take leadership of projects (!!)

- **General PR and Communication:** website content, Constant Contact monthly newsletter, meeting minutes, PR material as needed (ordering and/or creating) for events, information brochures on various substances (researching and ordering)
- **Rx Take Back** – April 28th National Event and Ongoing Box: creating PR material, targeting specific populations, coordinate PSAs, dissemination of PR material community-wide
- **Park Signage/Tobacco & Alcohol Policy Education/Park Promotion:** Policy signage at all local parks; Walking Guide updated with policy info; Get Moving Guide updated with policy info; Daniell Park BBall Court signage and promotion once it is installed; PSAs promoting park usage
- **Training for Home Providers:** Mainly focusing on Rx Abuse; Safe Rx Storage and Disposal; collaboration with Healthy Homes Committee to organize a training
- **Drug Free School Zone signage & awareness:** 2 new signs/school need to be installed and promoted with new maps of Drug Free School zone maps, etc.

- **Civil Remedies:** How to deal with the issue of Absentee Landlords? Loitering along Main Street?
- **New Member Recruitment:** Ongoing from all sectors, esp. low in business and faith-based representation
- **Member/Volunteer Position Descriptions** – needed!
- **Additional grant funds to expand/sustain efforts:** Research grants and foundations that would be applicable for us/our strategies
- **Grant reporting and budget management:** Tracking data, tracking and procuring in-kind, writing reports, managing funds, etc
- **Participate/Collaborate with other Community Groups-** Increase Task Force presence, increase collaborative efforts, etc
- **Developing collaborative relationships with local businesses:** Focusing on projects like “Sticker Shock”, Compliance Checks, Table Cards (restaurants)
- **Local Policies and Ordinances:** K2/K3; Bath Salts; Selling Drug Paraphernalia
- **Policies and Practices at local healthcare facilities:** Provider education and awareness, patient information; expanding on local successes at WestSide, increased PR within LRGH
- **How to address population of late 20s – early 50s:** specific to non-medical use of Rx Drugs
- **Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI):** Ongoing effort to collaborate with FHS; to engage students in community-based projects, to develop student leadership, to coordinate and liaison with FYI Teacher Advisor on projects.

Ongoing Projects: Franklin PD specific

- **Compliance Checks**
- **Liquor Enforcement Trainings** – frontline staff, servers, bartenders
- **Enforcement of Open Container Laws and City Alcohol/Tobacco Policies** – Adult Sports Leagues, beaches, parks
- **Maintain ongoing Rx Disposal Box**
- **Maintain National Take Back Days (Oct/April) ?**
- **Increased & targeted party and bike patrols:** Rail-Trail, Main Street

Parent Education & Training

- **Topics to include:** How to talk with your kids; How to talk with kids specifically about drugs & alcohol; How to set clear boundaries/standards; How to enforce boundaries/standards ... **Other?**
- **Ideas on venue?** Will this be a series of classes, one time event, information dissemination, etc
- **What types of parents need to be reached?**
- **What types of parent groups already meet? Do they reach our target audience?**
- **What are existing Parent Education/Training resources that we might use?** Guiding Good Choices, etc

*Work Group Lead = ?? not clearly defined

*How will Group communication b/c TF meetings = ?? not clearly defined

*Task Assignment & Next Steps = Rob Groleau will follow-up with Traci to talk about his current Parenting Series for Elementary Age; see how that might be modified

Implementing & Enforcing ATOD Policies at FHS

Work Group Meeting Notes in RED (thanks, Bob Lucas!)

- **Exploration of a Drug-Testing Policy at FHS and possibly FMS**
 - If the MDTF wants to pursue this, it needs to be discussed with the Superintendent and School Board.
- **What are current ATOD Policies within SAU 18?**
 - Bob will research and provide them to the group. Bob chairs a policy review sub-committee and will make recommendations relevant to AT&D as appropriate. All reviewed policies will be presented to the board for 1st, 2nd read and approval after corrections and edits are made. All policies must align with state mandates and guidance and cannot be contradictory to state and federal policy.
- **Are athletes held accountable for other policies?**
- **How are policies generally enforced?**
- **What other groups should be consulted/asked to be engaged for input?** Booster Club, PTO, etc
- **How to get coaches/teachers/administration on board?**
- **How to communicate with parents?**
- **Do any other NH towns/cities have similar policies?**

Team Members:

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Meag → peanut112594@yahoo.com

Bob → dianabob@metrocast.net

Additional Resources:

SAU18 Policies can be found at http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/fsb_policies.cfm

Student Conduct - <http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Policies/Section%20J/Policy%20JFC%20-%20Student%20Conduct2.pdf>

Alcohol Use by Students - <http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Policies/Section%20J/Policy%20JFCH%20--%20Alcohol%20use%20by%20students1.pdf>

Safe School Zone Policy -

<http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Franklin%20School%20Board%20and%20committees/Policy%20JG-3%20Safe%20Schools%20Zone1.pdf>

Student Conduct-

<http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Franklin%20School%20Board%20and%20committees/Policy%20JIC%20-%20Student%20Conduct.pdf>

**Tobacco Products Ban -Use and Possession In and On School
Facilities and Grounds -**

<http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Policies/Section%20J/Policy%20JICG%20%20Tobacco%20Products%20Ban1.pdf>

Breathalyzer at Student Social Events -

<http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Policies/Section%20J/Policy%20JICHA%20-%20Breathalyzer.pdf>

School Wellness Policy -

<http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/Franklin%20School%20Board%20and%20committees/Policy%20JLCF%20-%20Wellness%20NEW1.pdf>

Student/Parent Handbook -

[http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/FHS/201112%20FHS%20Student%20Handbook%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/FHS/201112%20FHS%20Student%20Handbook%20(2).pdf)

Suggested Reading : Life of an Athlete – for information contact ssadowski@new-futures.org