

Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Feb, 9 2012

5pm; Franklin Regional Hospital

Attendee	Sector Represented
Ken Merrifield	Mayor, Local Government
Joe Giunta	State Elks Association/ Fraternal Organization
Liz Lawrence	CCNTR/Healthcare
Katy Shea	Community Health Institute/Public Health
Patricia Prescott	Franklin High School
Lt. Clough	Franklin PD/Law Enforcement
Chief Goldstein	Franklin PD/Local Agency with Expertise in Substance Abuse
Sue Smart	Franklin Emblem Club/Fraternal Organization
Jason Vezina	Parent
Steve Foley	Franklin Opera House
Marie Breckinridge	Franklin High School
Melissa Rizzo	LRGH/Healthcare

Mission Statement: The Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force's mission is to mobilize citizen involvement and multi-sector collaboration to foster a healthy community environment with norms, policies and practices that *work together* to promote the positive and drug and alcohol free development of all Franklin and Hill youth and families.

Agenda Items

Welcome, Introductions and Sign-in

Chem-Free Brainstorm

Lending Library:

- **Book Update – *Dancing as Fast as I Can***
- **Other book recommendations for Task Force to add to our library?**

New Futures: March 6th Community Leadership Initiative – Update on Task Force attendees, and any other Task Force Members interested?

Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) Update

Data Collection Update

2011 Franklin YRBS; Quick Data Review – Trend Analysis

Meeting Notes:

Chem-Free Brainstorm – Chem Free group is working to collect donations for the May Chem-Free prom event that will take place at FHS. The Task Force will connect with the Chem-Free group to see how we can help to spread the word about donations and possibly provide some additional volunteer assistance.

Lending Library:

- **Book Update – *Dancing as Fast as I Can*:** This book (memoir) has not been a big hit! It seems to focus too much on mental health issues, and although mental health is closely related to substance abuse, the book didn't seem to resonate with the Task Force members who were reading it.
- **Other book recommendations for Task Force to add to our library?** No suggestions at this time...but will keep it on the radar.

New Futures: March 6th Community Leadership Initiative – Update on Task Force attendees, and any other Task Force Members interested? At this time, we have 5 Task Force members who are planning to attend: Melissa Rizzo, Bob Lucas, Jason Vezina, and Melissa Stone. No other Task Force members are able to attend, but the group is looking forward to hearing how the training goes.

Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) Update (see FYI powerpoint) WOW. FYI Teacher Advisor and the FYI kids have been doing a great job! Last week, the kids were at the State House testifying in opposition of HB 1526, a bill that would decriminalize up to ½ ounce of marijuana. They did a fantastic job, commented the Chief, despite a very difficult committee that heard their testimony! The kids were thrilled with their work, and are looking forward to heading back to the Senate once the bill crosses over. The Mayor stated that he will send the FYI group a thank-you. Ms. Libby, Coalition Coordinator Traci Fowler, and three FYI students are currently continuing their advocacy and leadership training at the week-long National Youth Leadership Initiative conference in Washington DC. This is a CADCA event, and we are looking forward to hearing how it went. The FYI students are planning to present about their trip at our next Task Force meeting.

Data Collection Update – Evaluator, Katy Shea gave an update of our data collection efforts to date. So far, 5 key informant interviews are in process of being conducted, and 2 focus groups are scheduled – one for youth and one for parents. This local data will be very useful in getting our Logic Models updated with current information.

2011 Franklin YRBS; Quick Data Review – Trend Analysis (see trend analysis handout)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 8th at 5pm

Questions? Please email: tfowler@franklinnh.org