

Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 10, 2014

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Present: Brandy Underwood, Elizabeth Dragon, Melissa Rizzo, Bill Grimm, Chief Goldstein, Mayor Merrifield, Joe Giunta, Bob Lucas, Sara Tracy, Lynn Haskell, Tamara Feener, Sgt. Rick Frost

Brandy Underwood welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed around a sign in sheet.

Mayor's Minute: Mayor Merrifield talked about volunteer appreciation luncheon at the TRIP Center he recently attended and how this community runs on volunteerism. The seniors he spoke with have a genuine concern for drug abuse in the community and an awareness of the task force.

Coalition Guidelines:

The leadership committee has been working to make some revisions to the coalition guidelines and handed out a copy to all the coalition members present. Brandy reviewed the changes. Elizabeth Dragon suggested that the coordinator create visual reminders for goal 1 & 2 (maybe write up on the board) for each of our meetings. This will help keep us focused and be helpful to any new members.

Working Dog Grant-

Elizabeth Dragon explained the working dog foundation has awarded a \$7,000 grant to the police department for the purchase of our K9-Max. However, one of the requirements of the grant is that it be reviewed by an advisory board. Since the task force raised the matching grant funds and has been active in the process it seemed logical to have the group perform the function of the advisory board vs. creating a new board. Elizabeth provided copies of the grant and K9 Budget proposal to all attendees and asked for questions and input. Coalition members were supportive of the K9 project and approved the grant as presented by consensus. Elizabeth thanked the group and let them know the next step would be formal acceptance by the city council at the scheduled public hearing in May.

Sgt. Frost presentation of Logic Model-

Sgt Frost explained that the goal is to establish a coalition that can impact any problem. It is important to separate the two initiatives-coalition building and reducing substance abuse. We can't help others if we don't first help ourselves. Logic models are meant to map out activities in each goal and create action steps. We need to focus on how interventions are moving the needle.

Sgt. Frost handed out a logic model using Marijuana use with our 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data. He then walked the group through plan 1, plan 2, plan 3, and plan 4 as strategies. He explained to the group how we should periodically spend time going through our interventions. Using this format it is much easier for the group to stay on track in prioritizing efforts. For instance, the volunteer efforts around the K9 program is not currently listed on our interventions and strategies but does easily fit and could be added to the Marijuana use logic model. The k9 program increases the perception of risk which is a deterrent to use. We analyze an intervention we need to look for connectivity between the intervention and impacting local conditions. When picking strategies consider actionable and measurable strategies and don't forget to check in with your community for input. If each time an idea, activity, strategy is proposed that isn't already listed in our action plan we should go through the process of analyzing how it fits into our logic model. Sometimes the group may decide to go forward with an effort even if it doesn't fit the logic model but using this model as a screening process helps the group stay focused.

Updates:

Brandy Underwood let the group know she participated in a blood drive here at Bessie Rowell school. There were about 36 donors.

Drug take back is April 26th-sign up sheet went around the room

Community day is May 10th and we are still looking for volunteers to help Sara Tracy with the task force booth and survey.

Bow- Wow Ball is May 17th at Mojalaki country club here in Franklin. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction.

Chem Free after prom committee is still looking for volunteers to help with set up and tear down at Smittys.

Animal Shelter is holding a 5K event on mother's day weekend if anyone has an interest in setting up a task force booth and possibly holding a 50/50.

Town hall meeting on underage drinking will be here at Bessie Rowell Community center 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner will be provided and childcare will also be provided. Please help spread the word.

Dover Summer camp and Teen Institute summer program are coming up. Melissa Rizzo is working on an assembly for Teen institute and we are trying to get a team from the high school and middle school to send to Dover's summer camp.

Meeting adjourned just after 7:00pm

Submitted by Elizabeth Dragon