



## Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2017

5:00pm – 7:00pm at Bessie Rowell Community Center

**Present:**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Sector:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Sector:</i>
<i>Lauren Malloy</i>	<i>Coalition Coordinator</i>	<i>Melissa Lee</i>	<i>Healthcare</i>
<i>Bob Lucas</i>	<i>Franklin Resident</i>	<i>Werner Horn</i>	<i>NH House Representative</i>
<i>Scott Burns</i>	<i>School Board</i>	<i>Kerri Lowe</i>	<i>Regional Coordinator, Partnership for Public Health</i>
<i>Chief Goldstein</i>	<i>State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency with Expertise in the Field of Substance Abuse</i>	<i>Karen Darling</i>	<i>Civic/Volunteer Group (Choose Franklin, Franklin Jr. Youth Group)</i>
<i>Joe Guinta</i>	<i>Religious/Fraternal Organization: Franklin Elks</i>	<i>Meredith Grover</i>	<i>Citizen/Parent</i>
<i>Jason Vezina</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Bob Grover</i>	<i>Citizen of Andover Church</i>
<i>Corey Gately</i>	<i>LRGHealthcare</i>	<i>Daniel Vignati</i>	<i>Concord Resident/College Student</i>
<i>Elizabeth Dragon</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>Martin Toe</i>	<i>Concord Resident/College Student</i>
<i>Desiree Smith</i>	<i>FMS FYI Advisor</i>	<i>Anya Twarog</i>	<i>School Board/Parent</i>
<i>Donna Liolis</i>	<i>Franklin Resident</i>	<i>Christy Liolis</i>	<i>Franklin Resident</i>
<i>Traci Fowler</i>	<i>Consultant/Evaluator</i>		

**Introductions & Agenda**

Melissa welcomed the group and thanked everyone for joining us and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Melissa informed everyone about the back table and what the documents were on the table for those new faces at the meeting. Melissa pointed out the coalition guidelines for the meeting. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. The Mayor could not make it to the meeting therefore we skipped the Mayor's Minute.

**Celebrating Success instead of Mayor's Minute**

Since the Mayor could not make the meeting Melissa asked the group if there were any successes they would like to share. Bob Grover posed a suggestion that the Monday before Coalition meetings to change the sign out from of BRCC to read there is an upcoming meeting this Thursday. Melissa also pointed out that Lauren created a Suggestion Box for those who have suggestions and may not feel comfortable sharing them with the group they can write them down and put them in the box. Karen Darling shared with the group that the HOPE center has been flourishing in the community since opening in December. Melissa praised the Police Chief for the PSA he recorded with his team to air over the holidays and how nicely it was done is such a

short time frame. Corey Gately shared with the group that the Gilford PTA mentions Franklin a lot in their meetings, often times asking “how did Franklin get to do what they are doing?” or “what do you think about Franklin and what they are doing?” she mentioned that there are many communities that are working to strive to do what Franklin is doing. She also mentioned that there are many community wide opportunities hosted by Gilford that are coming up and that anyone in the community can take part – one upcoming on January 19<sup>th</sup> is the showing of Screenagers in Gilford at 6:00pm. There were two college students from Concord that came to this meeting and one of them, Martin Toe, shared a song he had wrote about the heroin crisis.

### **What’s in Store for 2017?**

Melissa asked the group if they picked up the Coalition Calendar and wanted everyone to take a look at the upcoming events for the New Year. She informed the group that there is an upcoming Ambassador Training on January 20<sup>th</sup> and welcomed anyone interested to join us. Elizabeth wanted to inform every one of the date of the Annual Meeting which will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Jason also updated the group that an event that was not on the calendar is the After Prom celebration which happens in May.

### **Why do we do that?**

Melissa welcomed Traci to speak about how we as a Coalition gauge our efforts successes and evaluate the things we do and try to accomplish based on our goals. She began giving a brief introduction of herself. She explained that she is using the data we collect to evaluate how things are going. She explained that as a coalition we need to be critical thinkers when we are gathering data so we can see what is working and what is not. She stated that although as an evaluator she is evaluating the work they are not evaluating whether or not coalitions work. She mentioned the Surgeon General’s Report on key findings that Coalitions are effective and work. She asked the group what the goals of the Coalition are and the two goals of or Coalition are surrounded on building capacity and to reduce substance abuse, this is what is being measured. Building capacity means community level change, engaging the community in evidence based change. Two key things that lead to community level change are acquisition of skills and the community relationships and linkages. Traci informed the group that we are using the Coalition Member Survey, Kaizen Survey, Community Day Survey, interviews as needed, and focus groups as needed. She also mentioned that we use the survey results from the FMS and FHS YRBS to gather data, RX Drug Drop off, FYI Surveys to find out what is working and what is not.

Traci briefed the group on what the YRBS is and what data is collected. The data that is collected reflects the community not the school. She emphasized that we as a Coalition are trying to do things that are meaningful and not just doing and collecting data just because. She showed some data collected from the RX Drop Box and showed the progression over the years about how much has been collected. She indicated that we are tracking controlled drugs versus non controlled drugs at the RX Drop Box and the data reflects that.

### **Coalition Member “Speed Dating”**

Melissa informed the group of something new and exciting that we would be doing this evening. Lauren and Bob passed around sparkling cider with hats and party blowers. Members gathered with one person they had not chatted with during the evening and discussed either what brought them to the Coalition meeting, what do you feel you could learn from our work/offer/contribute.

Everyone paired up and discussed those questions. Everyone indicated that this was a new and fun activity!

### **Task Force Annual Meeting**

Melissa brought up how important the Annual Meeting is that is coming up in March. It is important to reach the community to get greater involvement and build capacity. She opened it up to the group if they would like to share any ideas or thoughts about what to have on the agenda for that evening. We watched a preview of the 30 minute film of “If Only” to see if anyone had any thoughts to show this during the Annual Meeting. Showing this film at the Annual Meeting would be a great way to get parent and student presence at the meeting. After we showed the preview there was great discussion in the group about how the preview relates to not only substance abuse but as well as behavioral and mental health. Desiree Smith had mentioned that at the Middle School the teachers were given a test (DESSA) to review their student’s social and mental health and from there it produces results and activities the teachers can administer those activities in their classroom. There was a comment made that students think they are “invincible” and while they think they may be, it is important to teach them young that there are consequences and risks to becoming involved in poor choices such as substance abuse.

Karen thought that showing this film would be really effective if parents and families would be able to attend. With it being a half an hour, we could highlight other community things going on/upcoming in the Coalition. There could be an opportunity for high school students to earn credit if they attend the Annual Meeting and view the film. There was great interest in showing this film for the Meeting.

### **Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities!**

- ✓**Basketball Games:** Tuesday January 24 5:30 PM – Leigh Webb & Lauren Malloy
- Tuesday January 31 5:30 PM - **\*NEED VOLUNTEERS\***
- Tuesday February 7 5:30 PM - **\*NEED VOLUNTEERS\***
- Tuesday February 23 5:30 PM – Joe Guinta & **NEED ANOTHER VOLUNTEER**

- ✓**Coalition Ambassador Workshop:** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm @ BRCC
- Another opportunity will be in February, Date/Time TBD
- ✓**February Coalition Meeting:** Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7pm @ BRCC
- ✓**Annual Celebration Meeting:** Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7pm @ Franklin Opera House

### **Group Updates/Comments**

- Scott updated the group on the Pemi Youth Center that is getting put together here in Franklin.
- Chief updated the group that the Legislative will pass the decriminalization of marijuana.
- Melissa stated that New Features will be attending to talk about pieces of legislation.

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

*Submitted by Lauren Malloy*