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Opioid Crisis Task Force

Date: **June 14, 2017**

Members Present: Beth Weidman, Brian Ashmankas, Carrie Prest, Doreen Thornuburg, Peter Hanlon, Valerie Comfort

Absent: Amy Moore

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

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Announcements:

- The Board of Selectmen voted to approve our name change to Addiction Assistance Alliance.
- Peter Hanlon has been appointed to the Addiction Assistance Alliance. –Peter will follow up with the Town Clerk's Office to be sworn in.
- Reminder to all members to respond to Town Clerk's Office to renew letter of appointment on or before June 30th.
- Next two meetings: July 12th at 6pm and August 16th at 6pm. Doreen to contact Assumption Church to host meetings in their basement. Will confirm this location after confirmed with Father Daniel Mulcahy 508-865-2657.

Discussion:

Name Change: Carrie voiced her opposition for the name change. Thought it defined who we are.

Committee though Addiction refers to all addictions and not just opioids.

Minutes of the meeting with the discussion of the name change and the process and action for requesting the name change were sent to all committee members immediately after the meeting..

If anyone has any concerns with was discussed and voted on, those concerns should be brought to light in an email chain of discussion prior to action on the item.

In the future, if anyone cannot attend a meeting and want voice to be heard, they will need to email Doreen.

Logo: Keefe Tech students worked on logo/came up with some great ideas. Copies were circulated to committee members.

Feedback: Prevention should be listed first in the circle of P.E.A.R .words surrounding the picture.

Picture of Pear held in the palm of a hand- Valerie to ask them to develop this.

Do not print name of our committee on the pear.

Pear should be green.

The black outer circle logo, with no hand in middle of pear, maybe a palm of hand holding the pear was the favorite.

Would like to see what pear would look like with bites (shape of hands)

Addiction Assistance Alliance to be printed at top of inner circle

Ask students to move both hands holding pear down a little to be able to see pear.

Valerie will revisit with Keefe Tech. Last day of school is June 22nd. Revisit in the fall.

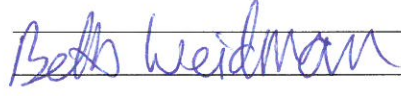
Updates:

- Beth: Edit Flyers and web site (face book) with name change.
Need location for next two summer meetings to post. Doreen will call Father Mulcahy to confirm use of Assumption Church basement area.
- Brian: Reverse of the 12 Steps of Recovery as the making of an addict.
Can we use this for prevention?
Committee will review the information from Brian and discuss at next meeting on July 12th.
- Doreen: Meeting with Senator Moore scheduled for July 6th at 9am at the Cake Shoppe in Millbury to discuss collaboration with his office, the school, and the Alliance to host a Community Educational and Awareness event each spring.
Specific Asks: Funding
Advertising
Space for Community Event
The possibility of school kids receiving extra credit if they attend. More credit if they bring a friend. – will discuss with Gregg Myers.

No other updates or information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

- Amy George
- Beth Weidman
- Brian Ashmankas
- Doreen Thornburg
- Carrie Prest
- Peter Hanlon



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