

# MINUTES

## ADDICTION ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE

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MILLBURY, MASS

Date: **July 12, 2017**

Members Present: Amy George, Beth Weidman, Doreen Thornburg, Peter Hanson

Absent: Brian Ashmankas, Carrie Prest

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

### Updates:

Amy

- suggested we determine when National Night Out is to be better able to support that event this year
- spoke with Greg Myers and referred Jeff Hatch (football player, injury, opioids, now works in the recovery field – currently speaks for no charge) Greg passed name and information to Athletic Director for fall student/parent assembly about drugs and alcohol.
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Doreen

- Meeting with Mike Moore:-Mike donate approx. \$500-\$1,000 for the Chris Heron event, stated Spectrum was the large sponsor along with a grant from the Board of Health and Police Department (\$2,000)  
Mike would be able to do the same amount; however, he will need our request prior to the end of December for any monies needed the following year. Doreen will contact his secretary to obtain pertinent information.  
Mike suggested the Police Department submit a grant; the Public Health department submit a grant; the Board of Health; and check with the school if they have any funds for a community event. He also suggested the Women's Club and Joe Early's Task Force – Amy to reach out to Joe Early  
Talked about hosting a community event -an educational event in the spring with Ruth Potee whereas the science behind addition is communicated. Think parents and community will benefit from hearing and learning this information.  
The event can have the topic of the science followed by a story – example: Corey's Cause or some other person speaking of their experience.  
Mike also suggested we use the public cable access and possibly have students perform skits about drugs and PEAR.

Beth:

- Reverse of the 12 steps – we will ask Brian to work on this and report back to us at next meeting his thoughts and ideas.
- Will change name on board and website
- Long term goals:
  - Speaking Event
  - Video for Cable Access
  - Drop in Night
  - Packets of Resources
  - Change Sign

Make Pears for Tree  
Solicit others for vacancies on task force (Brian leaving in August)(three vacancies) Include rules about expectations- attend meeting; do homework; etc.- give overview of what we are and have been working on.  
Spread the word about us  
Finish road map  
Follow up with Cassie at Rhodes to Recovery – Resource Book

**Discussions:**

Skits/Video Ideas: reach out to school for student performance and videotaping  
involve police department  
gear toward ages 10 and up  
check with school drama club –student participation yields extra credits  
show movie at the Elm Draught House  
Get churches involved – youth church groups  
Have a scene with police arresting someone, para medics at an overdose scene  
Enlist assistance from college students – Assumption has programs on abuse  
Adult Education Classes on writing script  
Check with Becker College, Clark University – capstone projects  
Who will write the script? What will the content be? Much coordination- needs further discussion.

Accomplishments: Student and Parent Brochures completed and distributed  
Attended Chain of Lights  
Attended National Night Out  
Decided on logo  
Created and still working on Road Map  
Created Facebook Page  
Changed name  
Met with School Department  
Met with Police Department  
Met with Sheriff at County Jail  
Met with Nicole Oliveri  
Met with Clergy in town  
Developed a relationship with Rhodes to Recovery  
Published article in Chronicle  
Appeared with Joe Coggins on Public Access  
Met with Mike Moore  
Set long term plans/goals

Action Items:

Amy - follow up on National Night Out  
Contact Millbury schools regarding video project – Assumption College too  
Beth change name on board and website  
Doreen Correct Amy's name to Amy George; Peter's name to Peter Hanson  
Contact college community Becker and Clark- video project

Secure library for September meeting, notify town clerk office of meeting date, time, location and agenda; submit signed minutes and completed roster sheet

Next meeting is **August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Amy George

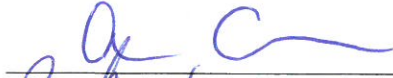

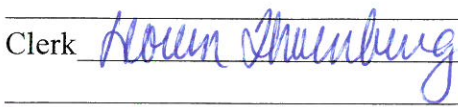
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