

# MINUTES

## ADDICTION ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE

Date: **October 4, 2017**

Members Present: Beth Weidman, Peter Hanson, Doreen Thornburg, Myles Leo

Absent: Army George, Carrie Prest, Valerie Comfort

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Addiction Assistance Alliance is to provide education, resources, and guidance for substance use disorders supporting prevention and recovery for the residents of Millbury and surrounding towns.

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

The committee did not meet with Dave Marciello. Unsure if Amy ever connected with him. Doreen will contact Tish to schedule a meeting before our next committee meeting. Myles is interested in attending.

Beth, Peter, Doreen, and Myles assemble the Resource Packets. Packets include:

- Parent Brochure

- Mass 2-1-1 cards

- Learn to Cope Brochure

Amy has all the other materials – ask Amy to bring them to next meeting.

It was suggested to host meeting once a month rather than twice monthly. Most other task forces meet once a month. Committee will meet with Town Manager before deciding to change the schedule.

Grafton High School “If Only”      October 25<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm

Town of Grafton has a task force; Committee members include Rev Laura, Chief of Police, Assistant Principal, and a member of the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services.

### **Projects/Immediate Goals**

Recruit New Committee Members- actively reach out to community groups-churches, schools, police, fire, business, etc.

Resource Packets –collate and distribute to Sutton and Millbury Police Departments

Resources- distribute to hospital emergency rooms

Collaborate and work in concert with other area coalitions (Grafton, Shrewsbury)

Events – host prevention, education, awareness events. MOPSI –grants available for any evidence based prevention programs for educational speakers or any prevention work of any kind.

Priority is to Recruit New Members- map community groups to solicit to join our force. Need to actively get the word out we need new members: advertise in the Chronicle, announce at televised Selectmen meetings, use local Cable network, electronic sign in town center, word of mouth.

Suggestions for events/committee activities:

Prescription take back events – pair with other events

Utilize local cable Access station to broadcast events and information

Connect with Senior Center-get their support- geriatric issue with medications, many grandparents caring for grandchildren because their children have issues with use disorders.

Upcoming Opioid Trainings:

Girls Inc. 9/21; 12:30-2pm

WHA 9/22

Worcester Senior Center 9/25; 10:30am

Catholic Charities 9/25, 1-2pm

Myles will send the list to Doreen, Doreen will circulate.

Committee agreed our next and first step is to find out how the town will support and endorse our efforts before we continue.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Amy George

Beth Weidman

Doreen Thornburg

Carrie Prest

Peter Hanson

Beth Weidman

Clerk Doreen Thornburg

Peter Hanson

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