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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.

Date: **November 1, 2017**

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

Absent: Amy Moore, Carrie Prest, Valerie Comfort

Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm.

Introductions: Eric Roldan, LCSW, Clinical Program Director for Spectrum Health Systems

Eric was asked by Spectrum to attend our meeting and may be joining the alliance. Eric has been with Spectrum for a little over four months now as the Clinical Program Director.

Updates

- Beth Dropped off Resource Bags to Millbury and Sutton Police Departments
LM for Chief Desorcy
Message drafted to be printed in the Chronicle to engage new members. Doreen will send message to all committee members; Peter will provide message for print in Chronicle. Beth will post to our FB page, and Amy will submit to Tish for cable TV network and center of town bill board. Beth will send FB link to Doreen, Doreen will forward to Myles
- Doreen Contacted Healthier Trudell at Keenan and Trudell, but has not connected regarding Chain of Lights participation as a group – Chain of Lights requires an application and a fee to participate, deadline was October 15th – Doreen trying to inquire and determine if we still can participate and what will need to be done. Myles mentions he can help with \$50 entry fee if we are allowed in after the deadline date. Cultivation Care Farm has agreed to participate with animals with us. No permit needed by the town to have small farm animals on a property.
Owners of the land between C.D. Whitney and Matt's barber shop is owned by Harrison and Michael McCarthy. They are from Framingham. Doreen to contact CD Whitney to obtain phone number (if they have it) and will comprise and mail a letter to them requesting permission to use their plot of land. Doreen to follow up with Trudell and McCarthy Brothers and email updates committee members.
No other updates with contacts to engage new members.
- Peter No contact with Fire Chief Rich Hamilton
Spoke to Chronicle they will attend our next meeting.
- Myles Not able to connect with churches.

No responses from the schools.

Has received materials for social media campaigns for parents on how to talk to kids- will bring materials to November 15th meeting.

Would like to see us start to run a media campaign through the local cable access TV station.

Suggests the committee start running ads in local newspaper.

Consider running anti-stigma ads.

Upcoming Events:

- Training Opportunity through Community Health Training Institute on December 12th from 9-1pm. Free and Myles suggests we attend. The training will outline the purpose of these task forces and how to be organized and run efficient and productive meetings in efforts to accomplish goals as they pertain to the 10 suggested opportunities put forth by the state.
- Dr. Ruth Potee November 16th at Shrewsbury High School

Discussion

Prevention Programs

Life Skills (Grafton School District)

- Evidenced-based
- Training is free, one day training
- All materials included

Action Items

- Continue to follow up and reach out to local agencies for new members

Next Meeting November 15th 6pm Millbury Library 2nd floor History Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Amy George

Beth Weidman

Doreen Thornburg

Carrie Prest

Peter Hanson

Beth Weidman
Clerk Doreen Thornburg

