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ADDICTION ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE

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 15, 2017**

Members Present: Amy Moore, Beth Weidman, Doreen Thornburg, Myles Leo, Peggy Hauck, Peter Hanson, Sarahbeth Persiani

Absent: Valerie Comfort, Carrie Prest, Eric Rodlan

Special Guest: Deb Madeira from Cultivation Care Farm in Bolton

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Introductions:

Peggy Hauck Community Healthlink, Community Housing Program Director in Webster, 24 housing apartments for single mothers with young children; lives in Millbury. Appointed by Board of Selectmen 11/14/17

Sarahbeth Persiani Board Member of Senior Center; serving as their representative on committee; consultant for wellness programs; lives in Millbury.

Deb Madeira Cultivation Care Farms in Bolton – outpatient mental health and substance use disorder programming using farm animals to assist in recovery and as therapy for mental health patients.

Updates:

Doreen

Chain of Lights December 3rd 10am-4pm

Deadline to be a part of Chain of Lights was **October 15th** (keep in mind for next year), fee of \$50; missed deadline, need to tag onto other events for this year

Location -

Need insurance policy naming owners not liable for plot of land at 114 Elm Street; CD Whitney believes we are covered under the Town of Millbury but would need to add owners to policy at \$100. Amy will talk with Asa Waters Director ASAP to inquire if we can use grassy area near entrance to town hall. If unable to use that town land, will inquire with Assumption Church.

Materials

Needed

Banner – Amy to print through Vista - banner with name, mission, face book, phone

Pamphlets and additional resource materials – Myles to provide, Amy has some

PEAR Tree- Amy to bring, Doreen to make pears

Table, chairs, pop-up tent (weather dependent)

Brochures- Doreen to print more copies

Cultivation Care Farm – materials and will provide baby sheep

Invite Learn to Cope – Amy

Candy or a bowl of pears or both

Volunteers

attended the Youth Commission meeting to pitch about someone joining Addiction Assistance Alliance, Youth Commission committee is strapped with only 4 people

No other updates

Beth No updates on volunteers

New Opportunity -Video Production opportunity through son's school, school group is completing a project and looking for new project.

- Ideas of what video should entail:
- PSA about Addiction Assistance Alliance
 - Mission statement
 - How to contact us
 - Looking for volunteers to join our group
 - Local addiction stories
 - Good Samaritan law
 - Social host laws
 - #2069 what it means
 - Take the Drunk and Distracted Driving Pledge

Discussion: Thoughts of what video should be about:

- information about our group- who we are, what our mission is, how to contact us, looking for volunteers to join us.
- Marijuana use- education and awareness not always getting what think you are and the high levels of THC; warnings about edibles
- Vaping information
- Underage laws
- Stories about people who lost loved ones; newly recovered people, those who lost loved ones
- Waiver and liability for those interviewed and filmed; where will video be used on PSA for Millbury/Sutton; in schools, etc.

Beth will draft letter with questions and information and send to teacher at school.

Amy Attended and had table at Grafton "If Only" event

Peter Add for volunteers will run in next week's Chronicle

Upcoming Events: Dr. Ruth Potee November 16th at Shrewsbury High at 7pm

Action Items:

Amy Banner, ASA Water Mansion

Beth Video

Peter Find out information on how to get on Cable for Millbury and Sutton

Peggy Get sworn in by Town Clerk

Doreen Type minutes, make PEARS, Copy brochures

Myles Obtain resources for Chain of Lights; contact clergy; contact Spectrum to join (Eric?)

Next Meeting: **November 29th**, 6pm Millbury Library History Room

Adjourned at 7:25pm

Amy George

Beth Weidman

Doreen Thornburg

Carrie Prest

Peggy Hauck

Peter Hanson

 Clerk Doreen Thornburg

