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ADDICTION ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE 2017 JUN 13 AM 8:50

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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: **December 13, 2017**

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

Absent: Amy George, Carrie Prest, Sarahbeth Persiani, Kaye Peltier, Peggy Hauk

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Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

## Updates:

- Doreen      Chain of Lights – Amy, Doreen, Peggy, Myles manned table. Cultivate Care Farms (Deb) brought 3 goats and a sheep. Animals were a huge draw, had much activity all day, Amy and Deb worked really hard talking with many people. Many people took information, many wrote names on pears for pear tree.
- Dr. Potee Speaking event. Looking to secure May 2<sup>nd</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup>, waiting for availability confirmation from Dr. Potee. Cost \$500 – Senator Moore office to fund- Doreen to reach out once date is scheduled and confirmed.
- Peter      Ad for volunteers will start running on local cable TV network starting December 18<sup>th</sup>. Peter will notify us when it will run. Myles will send the video in zip file to cable.
- Beth      Announce for church bulletin complete and sent to Doreen. Doreen will forward to Deacon Ron to publish in weekly bulletin.
- Follow up with school contact – still working on DA video.
- No updates with volunteers for our committee – still trying to connect with police department
- Myles      will connect with Eric Roldan at Spectrum-they should have a vested interest in serving on alliance.

## Discussions:

- Doreen recommended cancelling the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and will notify library and town hall of meeting cancellation.
- Recommend alliance meet once a month starting in January and will schedule January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for 6pm at the library.
- Doreen will survey alliance members what day works best for everyone. Wednesday nights not a good night – looking to move to Thursday nights. Doreen will share results; however, January meeting will be **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm** at the library.

## Action Items:

- Think about other events we can be visible and present at

Myles suggested doing work on anti-stigma campaign and narcan education – find out from Eric at Spectrum if they are doing any education .Anti-Stigma campaign is to promote with flyers, materials in hopes to reduce stigma associated with addiction. Flood the circuits with information. Myles will order materials. Where to distribute: Goretis, Pizza Chef, Sports Clip, Town Hall, Schools.

Opioid Training – what businesses would it make sense to present training to staff. Millbury businesses are basically retail. Maybe present training to Police and Fire. Think of where it would make sense to host educational training sessions. Invite Sutton to training.

Myles will reach to Police Station track how many resource bags have been distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Happy Holidays to All!

Next meeting: **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6pm at the library.**

Amy George

Beth Weidman

Doreen Thornburg

Carrie Prest

Peter Hanson

Peggy Hauck

*Beth Weidman*  
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