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Opioid Crisis Task Force 16 DEC 28 PM 3: 44

MILLBURY, MASS

Date: November 28, 2016

Members Present: Amy Moore; Beth Weidman; Doreen Thornburg; Carrie Prest; Anne Parkinson; Marie Graves

Absent: Brian Ashmankas; Robert Giannette; Danielle Juairé

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Reviewed and signed minutes for the November 7th meeting. Doreen will submit a cancelled meeting set of minutes for the November 21st rescheduled meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- **The Tree** –Committee decided to name the tree The S.T.A.R. (Support, Thoughts, And, Remembrance) Tree
- **Chain of Lights** –Table set up at Chain of Lights at Assumption Church from 11:00-2:30pm. We will showcase business cards, the poster, brochures, and the tree. People can write names and hang on tree. Beth to man the table, Doreen to assist
- **Face Book Page** – Amy will proceed with Face Book Page; no approval needed by town at this time; link on town website to our Face Book Page. Currently no social media policy at town, next town manager may have some requirements we might need to adhere to in the future.
- **Events:** “Beyond the Wall” November 30th, Lincoln Levi Room City Hall 5:00pm
MOAR Holiday Party –December 8th Mechanics Hall (free admission) 5:30pm
DA Task Force Forum December 9th, Worcester Voke School
- **Materials** Staples able to print 500 copies of each Student and Parent Brochures in black and white only. Doreen to make colored copies at work – 50 of each. Marie to print colored copies of each. Business cards and poster printed through Vista. STAR Tree for table top display.
- **Grant Requests-** Youth Opioid Prevention Grant – Mass Government Grants
DFC (Drug Free Community Grant) available through the Federal Government. \$125,000 for 10 years. Emphasis is on prevention; must be a coalition for six months; must agree to have 12 sector partners: faith base, police, fire, school, town; business; parent; student, etc.; group must meet once a month, fall under Board of Health; all must be working on youth prevention, funding is for prevention; must have sustainable policies and practices in place. Tough to get but once get it get \$125K per year for ten years. Marie will to help us apply and thinks we are a good candidate. She could and would hold a 4-6 training for us. Something to pursue. Need to look at the SPF- Strategic Prevention Framework of the community and incorporate into the grant request.
- **Schools** –Doreen will follow up with Gregg Meyers regarding the re-introduction of the SADD program and other preventive measures at the Jr./Sr. High Schools.DARE Program no longer exists was considered ineffective. Program did not change students perception to sway their behaviors. Need a program that will change perception and/or thinking to sway behaviors.

- **Board of Health** - Had grant money from City of Worcester for Chris Heron event; other grant money was given to Police Department and School to purchase Narcan.. No grant money left.
- **New Law** New law passed no longer can deny admission to a long term care facility if substance abuse history. Residents of MAT (Medicated Assisted Treatment) can no longer be denied admission. The Bridge Home in Springfield highly recommended facility.
- **New Ideas** – Meeting sign in sheet
 Work on Methods of Prevention/Collaborate with other town departments
 Have sign in sheet at Assumption School Chain of Lights
 Change meeting night to Wednesdays

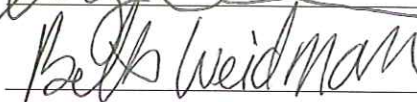
Next meetings: December 7th, 2016 6pm MHS Media Center
 December 21st, 2016 6pm MHS Media Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Amy George



Beth Weidman



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