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Opioid Crisis Task Force

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Date: **April 12, 2017**

Members Present: Amy Moore, Brian Ashmankas, Beth Weidman, Doreen Thornburg, Peter Hanson

Absent: Carrie Prest, Marie Grave

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. Amy ran late was at the MOAR Meeting at Mechanics Hall in Worcester; Beth arrived late was traveling from Boston.

Members introduced themselves to Peter Hanson. Peter is interested to join the task force. He is a Millbury resident and looking to get involved.

Review/Updates:

- Review meeting with Nicole Oliveri - discussion on how abuse, neglect, bad home lives can be and often are the reasons kids start using drugs. Review of what she is seeing with the kids at different schools. Lack of resources in the police department. No current formal prevention program in the Jr./Sr. High school. Invite Greg Myers back for a revisit. Doreen will invite Mr. Myers to the May 24th meeting.
- Doreen: -we will need to find an alternative meeting spot for the July and August meetings as the high school is closed for the summer.
 - Reach out to Grafton and Shrewsbury task force to meet with us. Shrewsbury is not available on Wednesday nights. Grafton task force chairperson is Rev Laura –Doreen will invite her to the May 10th luncheon of the clergy. Doreen will invite both to the May 10th meeting.
- Amy: two local upcoming events in Millbury the task force might want to have a table at.
 - 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival at Windle Field – date? 11-5pm
 - Spring Family Fun Fair, Saturday May 10th at the Dudley Gendron 10-3pm
 - Rally to Recovery in August – motorcycle ride fundraiser for Learn to Cope-possibly make a Millbury basket to be raffled off – obtain donations from all area Millbury businesses.
 - Amy will post local events on our website
 - Rhodes to Recovery is looking to start a softball team – looking for sponsors, used equipment, etc. Amy will post this on our face book page.
 - Amy will invite Rhodes to Recovery to our next meeting.
 - Amy is meeting with Police Department to brainstorm some ideas about the type of information to include in a bag of information we will collate to be distributed to people who overdose or to people looking for information.
- Beth – nursing homes are bombarded with addiction issues because there are not enough beds for the number
 - Thinks an informational session or night about brain development and how addiction happens as a result would be really informative and well received – we should work toward scheduling this type of event wither as a piggy back to the high school required sports meeting or a stand alone event.

- Update on seminar she attended March 24th – Attorney General can be called to work with the quams about treatment sites. Has anyone contacted the attorney general’s office regarding the methadone site in Millbury?
- the Attorney general’s office will work with insurance companies for appeals for insurance issues’
- 5 Recovery High Schools in Massachusetts – they also do peer support for students, not just students attending high school.
- Interesting to note detox is covered for alcohol but not yet covered for strictly and only opiate addiction.

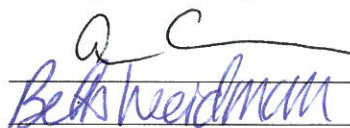
Other Thoughts/Discussion-

- McGrath School – Y.O.U., Inc. perhaps we can make a connection with them. Doreen will contact Sarah Sams to meet with us. –handles kids with severe behavioral issues-kids have had severe trauma in life
- Assumption School offered us their basement area – do we want to move forward with a drop-in night? When would we start? -could advertise in schools and on face book.
- Pill Man-story of sports guy who got hooked on opioids after a sports injury and now has permanent brain damage as a result.
- Invite Everyday Miracles to one of our meetings.
- Provide a Mindfulness/Empowerment program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is April 26th. 6pm at the high school.

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 Amy George
 Beth Weidman
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 Carrie Prest



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