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Opioid Crisis Task Force

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Date: **April 26, 2017**

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

Absent: Brian Ashmankas, Carrie Prest, Marie Graves

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Updates:

Next meeting is May 10th at 6pm Room A103 at the high school and also on May 10th is the Clergy luncheon at Assumption School from 12:00-1:30pm. Brian and Amy will attend. Doreen will try to make it. Doreen has invited Rev. Laura Jean from Grafton. The clergy is also invited to attend our evening meeting. Rhodes to Recovery will also attend our May 10th evening meeting – they are looking to get involved and could also be a source of volunteers to assist with event attendance to educate and provide awareness.

- Need to have presence at some of the town events.
- Need to connect with the school department possibly mentor the Honor Society members to volunteer their time to represent the task force at some of the weekend events.
- Need to promote the task force and inquire with the town how they best can support our efforts.
- Amy will contact the local cable station personnel to inquire about promoting us on the town channels. Amy will also contact Robert Fucci and the Chronicle about possible in-kind space each week. Bay State Parents Magazine might be a good place to have information presented as well.
- Beth will call Jayne Davolio to inquire about the town electronic sign and how we can have exposure there. Also will ask Jayne about changing our name, the Opioid Crisis Task Force (it's scary). Need to think about and determine our new name, if even possible. Possible suggestions: O Pear Group; O.U.R.(Opioid Use Resources) P.E.A.R. Mission; task force needs to think about and come up with some suggestions should we be allowed to change our name. If all committee members can think about this we can discuss at next meeting (if allowed to change name).
- Doreen will contact Dave Marcello to invite to meeting to introduce task force and inquire about ways the town can support our efforts. Difficult for task force to raise awareness without any fundraising capabilities.
- Doreen will invite Greg Myers to May 24th meeting. Doreen read the minutes of the March 8th Board of Health meeting whereas Cassandra Anderson and Greg Myers reviewed the Youth Health Survey. Looking to connect with the school to inquire what programs the school will be adopting for the junior and senior high students, where they are with the SADD program, what programs they have planned for students and parents regarding drugs and alcohol, and how can we collaborate to offer some powerful and impressive speaking events with Dr. Potee, or others, and to talk about the ramifications to parents for hosting social parties.
- Amy will connect with Chief Desorcy regarding items that would be beneficial for packets they can distribute to substance users and families when they encounter situations of such.
- Dr. Potee will be speaking in Worcester in August at the Rally to Recovery event. Amy has six tickets.

Suggestions:

- Logo- how to gets kids in town involved in creating a logo. Carrie was working with Youth Commission – need to determine where we are at with this effort. A pear shaped symbol should be incorporated into the logo where as P-PREVENTION, E-EDUCATION, A-AWARENESS, R-RECOVERY are our four focus areas. Logo should show someone helping someone.
- Can we connect with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to have them assist with the log. Doreen will contact the local chapters to inquire about their involvement.
- Reminder to committee members: Need to attend meetings and let us know if unable to attend
 Need to follow up on tasks and report on progress
 Need to send updates to clerk if not able to attend meetings.

Next meeting is May 10th at 6pm at the high school room A103.

Clergy Luncheon is May 10th 12-1:30 at the Assumption School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Amy George

Beth Weidman

Brian Ashmankas

Doreen Thornburg

Carrie Prest






