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Opioid Crisis Task Force

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Date: September 19, 2016

Members Present: Amy George; Beth Weidman; Brian Ashmankus; Danielle Juairé; Doreen Thornburg
Cassandra Anderson; Greg Meyers

Absent: Elizabeth Perron; Robert Giannette

Meeting came to order at 6:45pm.

Discussions:

• School District Actions/Initiatives to Address Opioid Crisis.

Superintendent Greg Meyers spoke on what each school is currently doing to address and prevent opioid use: Each school nurse is trained and possesses Narcan

Health Class is now offered in the Junior High

Seeking to re-establish SADD

Seeking to re-establish Peer Education

School is aware the pathway to addiction often comes through sports injuries.

Meyers believes the schools have two major roles in addressing the crisis:

Prevention/Education

Connecting Students/Parents to resources

Other discussions: Students should be educated on the Good Samaritan Law and the Slippery Slope of Addiction

Expose students/parents to programs like “if Only”; “In Plain Site”; and Sonny’s Story

- Resource Guide it was discussed and decided the task force would develop a one page resource guide for those seeking help.
- Marijuana –we discussed the prospects and effects of the potential marijuana legalization
- Assumption Church basement is available for a resource fair and/or Learn to Cope meeting place
- Education/Prevention Efforts -Continuous and repeated conversation is more effective than one-off events. Fear tactics are generally ineffective. There is no cookie cutter approach to treatment.
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Next meeting will be Monday, October 3rd at 6pm at the High School Media Center.

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Date: October 3, 2016-----

Members Present: Amy George; Beth Weidman; Brian Ashmankus; Danielle Juairé

Absent: Doreen Thornburg; Elizabeth Perron

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Meeting came to order at 6:35pm.

Reviewed last meeting of September 19th.

Discussions:

- **Resource Guides** – Student and Parent resource guides are complete and in rough draft form.
- **Board of Health** – request will be made to Board of Health to release some grant funds for marking materials such as brochures, business cards, etc.
- **Website/Face Book** – will connect with town regarding a link on the Millbury town website and how to access town electronic board downtown.

Upcoming Events:

- Uxbridge showing of “If Only” on October 5th at 7pm at Uxbridge High
- Shrewsbury showing of “If Only” on October 18th
- West Boylston and Wachusett Regional High dates to be determined

Next meeting will be Monday, October 17th at 6pm at the High School Media Center.

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Date: October 17, 2016

Members Present: Amy George, Beth Weidman, Danielle Juairé, Doreen Thornburg, Cassandra Anderson, Marie Graves, Annie Parkinson, Carrie Prest

Absent: Robert Giannette, Elizabeth Perron

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

Introductions New Members: Annie Parkinson, MOAR

Marie Graves, Department of Public Health-Worcester

Discussion Topics:

- **Committee Secretary Position**

Elizabeth Perron wishes to no longer serve on the task force and will need to resign as secretary. Doreen volunteered to take minutes and serve as secretary. Doreen will contact Jayne Davolio to discuss the process and transition.

- **Face Book Page**

Committee needs to determine if we are allowed our own Face Book page or if we post our information on the Town's page? It was mentioned another town opioid task force has their own FB page and the Youth Commission has their own page.

Doreen will inquire with Jayne Davolio and Bernie Plante and report back to committee.

- **Review of Brochures**

Beth completed Parent/Student Resource Guides. Jayne Davolio approved these flyers.

Recommendation to move the Student and Parent information to the top of the page and move the task force information to the bottom of page. Beth to make changes and add Town seal.

Suggestion was made to put Student Brochure on FB and Parent brochure on website.

- **Printing Costs/Money**

Discussed investigating ways to obtain money for printing brochures and other minor committee costs:

Suggestions: Contact Moore's Office

Board of Health

Using Trade Schools as a resource

IBA Print Shop

Staples – Beth knows someone there who might agree to In-Kind donation to print materials.

NHP – Beth to ask at her work if they could assist.

Millbury is part of the MOPSI cluster and might be possible to access funds through Board of Health.

Doreen to ask Bernie Plante if possible to be a part of budget line item for the Board of Health or if we fall under the Public Schools.

- **Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Amy presented at the Board of Selectmen meeting on October 3rd to update them on the workings of the task force. She will also meet with the Chronicle in hopes to have an article printed on topic of opioid crisis and the task force.

- **Up Coming Events**

“If Only” movie showings at Shrewsbury and Uxbridge

- **Mission Statement**

What is our mission statement?

Millbury Opioid Task Force is missioned to provide education, resources, and guidance for the people of Millbury and surrounding towns.

Action Items:

Contact Jayne Davolio regarding change in secretary, meeting locations – Doreen

Contact Bernie Plante to ask about budget line items under the Board of Health, Face Book Page, donations and fundraising. – Doreen

Contact Staples for In-Kind donations to print materials – Beth

Contact the Chronicle for articles for awareness – Amy

Next meeting in two weeks would be October 31st which is Halloween-voted next meeting to be held either November 7th or 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

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