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Opioid Crisis Task Force

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MILLBURY, MASS.

Date: January 4, 2017

Members Present: Brian Ashmankas, Beth Weidman, Doreen Thornburg, Amy George, Marie Graves, Valerie Comfort

Absent: Danielle Juairé; Robert Giannette; Carrie Prest; Anne Parkinson

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

Discussion/Updates

- Face Book Page: Amy pulled up Face Book and reviewed some of the information. She will make necessary changes and get the page up and running this week. Amy asked if the committee was interested in the possibility of airing on the cable network town show in two weeks. She will obtain more information and confirm with us. The show would be filmed on January 18th at 5:30pm (one hour before our regular scheduled meeting).
 - Amy will put a link to the MMA Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force Wording on website is a source of information and the mission of the task force – Amy will incorporate appropriate wording to identify that.
 - Will need two administrators of the Face Book page.
 - Will need to be aware of advertisements.
 - Incorporate wording that the opinions expressed on the comments on the Face Book page are not necessarily those of the task force.Haute Sweet has automatic posts to FB.
- Termination of past secretary Elizabeth Perron – the committee will devise a letter to be sent certified mail by Jayne Davolio. Letter must be sent 10 days prior to the meeting in which the committee will vote to remove old secretary and appoint new one. Amy to write letter and drop off at town hall.
- Federal Grant for \$125,000 – The committee will need to decide if we are interested in applying for the Federal grant and if so, we need to start thinking now about it and getting things in place to accommodate the requirements:
 - form a committee with the 12 sectors of representation who will meet to meet regularly, will need six months of committee meeting minutes for the grant application.
 - form a prevention coalition, which could be the committee of members from 12 sectors. Task force realizes that prevention is the key and that is where it starts.
 - Marie is providing a Strategic Framework Prevention training workshop for the town of Shrewsbury. SAMHSA website has information. She has invited us to attend and will let us know when and where that training is. We must follow this framework to be on target with the prevention program requirements.
 - Marie recommends the task force does the following:
 1. Take the Strategic Framework Prevention training – assessment is the first part, it looks at community data, school data. Need to assess what are the problems facing Millbury, the age groups, the demographics in order to determine what our problem is.

2. From the assessment, what is the capacity of the town and what resources are available. Who are the doers in the community and that have the capacity and resources to get things done.
3. Develop a plan now that you know have the data and people you need to get things done. Determine what and how you are going to follow out the plan.
4. Evaluate the plan – is it working? What is missing? What is not needed?
5. Determine the sustainability of the plan and program.
6. **Research the grant requirements on the SAMHSA website – homework assignment for all.**
 - Timeline – Beth suggested the task force produce a timeline and a plan for the tasks, events, and work for a yearly plan.
 - Methadone Clinic Statement – **“The Opioid Crisis Task Force supports all pathways to recovery as we acknowledge addiction is not longer a faraway problem affecting faraway people, but one that is faced by our friends, neighbors, and family members.”**
 - Research Data – Brian to obtain stats from the Sheriff’s office. Youth Health Survey was administered to students in Worcester County. BSA website and search by town to obtain demographic information.
 - Resources – Beth obtained resource guides from Western Mass and shared with task force.
 - March 24th Faces of Addiction seminar – Beth and Valerie signed up for seminar and asked Marie if there are any funds available from the DPH to cover this expense. Marie to check on the availability of funds.
 - Marie mentioned the Regional DPH office has a book of resources, BSAP has a directory of resources that can be obtained electronically.
 - Prevention Programs – Doreen to connect with Greg Meyers to inquire if any other adult beside a teacher can advise the SADD program.
 - Events – January 9th at Voke Tech in Worcester– panel discussion
 - March 24th Faces of Addiction seminar.

Agenda items for next meeting:

1. Begin to develop annual timeline of events/action/work (sample attached)
2. Work on dissecting the MMA obligations of the task force and how we are working on each.

Next meeting is January 18th at 6pm in Room A103 at the high school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Amy George

Beth Weidman

Brian Ashmankas

Danielle Juairé

Doreen Thornburg

Robert Giannette

Carrie Prest

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