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Opioid Crisis Task Force

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Date: **March 15, 2017**

Members Present: Beth Weidman, Brian Ashmankas, Carrie Prest, Doreen Thornburg

Absent: Amy Moore, Danielle Juairé, Annie Parkinson, Marie Graves

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

Updates:

Beth – Beth's mom has been distributing flyers locally. CVS did not allow our flyers to be available there. Beth's mom is getting some opposition from places she is visiting, she will keep a list of places who are not interested in having these resources available.

Beth noticed the Face Book page has our incorrect name it lists the Millbury Opioid Crisis Task Force instead of Opioid Crisis Task Force. Doreen will email Amy and ask her to change to the correct, official name. Beth will research MA Health to find a list of locations who have navigators to assist people with enrollment or questions regarding MA Health. Doreen will add this list to the Road Map.

Brian – Clergy meeting and luncheon is May 10th. Brian will need a head count as soon as people know if they are able to attend. Please confirm your attendance with Brian as soon as you know you are able to attend. The clergy will be invited to attend our May 10th Task Force meeting. Brian mentioned he will be leaving after the summer to study in D.C. for four years. He will submit his resignation prior to leaving. Brian was one of the founding fathers for the task force – Doreen asked him to put together an agenda and list of agenda items that he would like the task force to accomplish in the future.

Doreen- will submit room use request forms (to the school) and agendas (town Clerk's office) through the end of May with meetings scheduled every two weeks for April and May and then once a month for June, July and August. Currently agendas and room use forms are complete up to March 29th.

Nicole Oliveri, the High School Resource Officer will be invited to the March 29th meeting. Doreen will ask her to bring a copy of the Youth Health Survey. Doreen will try to obtain a copy from either Nicole or Marie prior to the meeting and send a copy to everyone.

Doreen worked on the Road Map to Recovery and had questions regarding some of the information and action items. Doreen will update and work on creating a booklet type resource of the road to recovery. Doreen will ask Amy for a list of treatment facilities with contact numbers.

Carrie- spoke with Tim Cluett about having the youth commission work on the Logo project. Tim suggested tapping into the high school talent or local college talent. They have graphic design majors and resources.

Discussion: -opening contest to high school students rather than college community since we want to reinforce prevention at younger ages.

- invite Sutton students to participate as well
- Shrewsbury has own task force and we would like to keep it local with Millbury and Sutton
- Include the town of Grafton if it doesn't have its own task force – Doreen will ask Marie which towns have task forces so we are not infringing on other towns. The Task Force would like to invite other town task forces to meet them, to discussion where they are at, what they are working on, and look for areas of collaboration. Possibly invite for May meeting.
- Doreen thinks the logo should be or have the shape of a PEAR in it. P.E.A.R.(Prevention, Education, Awareness, and Recovery). –these are the four focus areas of our mission.
- Beth agreed and thought having a pear symbol as part of logo reflects our work.
- Brian and Carrie thought to perhaps just see what students come up with rather than dictate what it should have, allowing the students their own creativity Beth/Doreen concerned with needles and pills being a part of the logo.

Carrie will contact Ann Meserve (school guidance counselor) to talk about the project and obtain feedback from her.

Beth is attending the Faces of Addiction Seminar on Friday, March 24th. She will report on the seminar at the next meeting.

Next meeting is March 29th at 6:00-pm. Please plan on being prepared to report on all action items assigned to you.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Thornburg, Clerk

Amy George
Beth Weidman
Brian Ashmankas
Carrie Prest
Danielle Juairé
Doreen Thornburg

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 Beth Weidman
 Brian Ashmankas
 Carrie J. Prest

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 Doreen Thornburg