**Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham**

**SPAN Coalition Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes- Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Lt. Chris Baker (NPD), Jon Mattleman (Needham Youth Services), Janet Jankowiak (YMCA Board of Advisors), Penny Kirk (Needham Housing Authority), Keith Ford (Asst. Principal, NHS), Barbara Singer (NPS Health Services Director**)**, Carol Read (NPHD), Karen Mullen (NPHD), Summer Koop (NPHD), Monica De Winter (NPHD), Karen Shannon (NPHD), Tim McDonald (NPHD), Catherine Delano (NPHD), Bob Timmerman (Civic Community), Justin Ferreira (YMCA), Anne Weinstein (Rep. Garlick’s Office), Monique Roth (Parent/Healthcare), Paula McEvoy (Parent/Healthcare), Niamh Henry (NHS Student)

**Discussion:**

Catherine Delano – Provided overview of the PSA video created by NHS students and Marijuana Action Team members, Conner Jahn and Hannah Wolfield, on reasons why students don’t use alcohol or other drugs. Video will be part of an NHS Extended Home Room on May 4. Both the Marijuana and Alcohol collaborated on the program content.

Niamh – provided a SALSA update. SALSA continues their presentations to 8th grade Health classes. SALSA students are connecting with the High Rock Middle School principal and health teacher as well as Kathy Pinkham to develop a similar program for 6th graders. Conner Jahn has provided the HRMS principal with an outline and is proposing a pilot program for this Spring with potential for a full rollout to the 6th grade in Fall 2017.

Paula recommended the SALSA program for the 6th grade and a refresher for 8th grade. She mentioned that 7th grade students are using marijuana at bar mitzvahs.

Penny – described how she has a group of Babson College students who are wonderful tutors and would like to make presentations to Needham Public School students [around substance use education, good decision making, etc.] but would like training. They are currently scheduled over April vacation to meet with students who live in the Cook neighborhood to talk with them about alcohol and other drugs.

Keith – considered whether the Babson students could have a role in the Extended Home Room on May 4 and also the potential for meeting with freshman and sophomore students during Study Hall. He mentioned that Kathy Pinkham is working on the Health Class curriculum and collaboration with her would be needed.

Catherine – updates on volunteer opportunity:

Hidden In Plain Sight (HIPS) is coming to Needham the weekend of May 6 and 7, from 1-4pm at the Knights of Columbus, through the work of the Prescription Drug Action Team. This event displays a mockup of a teenage bedroom and offers parents and those over 21 the opportunity to walk through the exhibit to learn about the hidden places where teens keep alcohol and other drugs. Training for volunteers who would like to assist during the event weekend is being held on Wednesday, May 4 from 10am-12pm**. Please contact Catherine if interested in helping out for this event.**

Parent Survey 2017- will be administered this Spring to all Needham parents of 6-12 grade students. The survey is anonymous.

Karen – provided update on Recreational Marijuana for Needham. A group of Needham residents, headed by Alyssa Kence, sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) asking them to consider placing an “opt-out” vote on the town ballot. The opt out would prohibit retail recreational marijuana stores, marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, and marijuana manufacturers from establishing in Needham. The BOS has chosen to put an article on the May 2017 Town Meeting Warrant to vote for a moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments. The BOS prefers to wait and see what changes, if any, the MA legislature will enact on the recreational marijuana law.

Carol pointed out that an opt-out does not change the law in terms of recreational marijuana use for those over 21 years and for home cultivation.

Tim shared information on the upcoming medical marijuana facility which is planned for Franklin St in the industrial area of Needham. Town Meeting approved in 2016 a residential overlay district in proximity to Franklin Street.

Summer – updates on the Cardinal Health Prescription Drug/Safe Storage/Disposal Grant-

On Thursday, April 27, there will be a Pharmacy Workshop, held at MIT Endicott House, for local pharmacists. The theme of the workshop is the pharmacist’s role in opioid addiction and promoting safe opioid therapy. There will be two speakers presenting, both experts in pain management. Currently there are 50 pharmacists registered.

On Saturday, April 29, there will be another DEA Medication Take Back Day, stationed at the Needham Town Common, from 10-2.

Carol – SAPC work includes reducing underage alcohol use and safe serving – which addresses the low perception of harm and accessibility. There is a TIPS training 5/1 10-3pm (full) and 6pm-11pm (not full). Also, additional training will be May 8th 10-3pm. It’s for all licensee in the SAPC 4 towns for onsite retailers and off-site. Needham has 7 licensees registered so far. Photovoice project is going to be implemented. She needs 6-10 kids per town to meet over the summer on a regular basis. She has interviewed 6 candidates last week. The idea is to move drinking away from “rite of passage” (community norm). Also a woman from BU School of Public Health will work with kids to meet on this work.

Tim – has been collaborating with the Needham Police on a proposal for funding that will encompass education, training and compliance for Needham alcohol licensees The funding request for $10,000 will be voted on at the Town Meeting in May.

**Action Team Updates**:

Marijuana Action Team – Janet – May 4th extended homeroom will feature the SALSA PSA

Alcohol - Carol – Alcohol Lobby letter which was sent to many area prevention coalitions – please see letter attached.

Prescription Drug Action Team –

* Pharmacy workshop being held Thursday, April 27 @ MIT Endicott House- an education program for pharmacists from the Norfolk County 7 towns (including Needham).
* SPAN made a donation of Pill Pods to the Beth Israel Hospital in Needham and to the Pain Clinic at Newton Wellesley Hospital. The Pill Pods are a locking container for safe storage of prescription drugs.
* Poster campaign at NHS: NHS graphics art students have designed info graphic posters depicting prescription drug education and awareness and will be posted around the high school in the coming weeks.
* Student Email Messaging Campaign: the PD Action Team is collaborating with SALSA students to create short messages around substance use education and prevention which will be emailed to NHS students.

Bob T. – Friday evening, April 28, Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser, “Trivia Night,” to raise money for the NHS 5th Quarter program. Mike Riley will be the MC. 6:30pm doors open 7:30 trivia starts. Tickets are $25 tickets and checks can be made out to K of C.

Carol – The Norfolk District Attorney’s Office, which hosts monthly prevention coalition meetings, and Attorney Jennifer Rowe is creating a Social Host Law video campaign featuring Needham Chief John Schlittler for the police department piece. Chief Schlittler will highlight police procedures around the Social Host Law and the responsibility of parents to say “no” to alcohol in the home.

Discussion continued around Needham and the Social Host Law and the need for education around this law.

Anne Weinstein – works with Representative Denise Garlick, who is now the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Janet J. – There was a planning grant for a diversion program applied to and waiting to hear back.

**Next SPAN Coalition Meeting:** Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 – 8:45am, Needham Public Library