

Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse Steering Committee Meeting

April 4, 2017 (3 pm)

In attendance: Vice Chair Shannon Hume, Robyn Houston-Bean, Jon Wilson, Kevin MacAleese, Mary Kelley

Minutes of the Meeting:

- Police Officer Ed Woo presented to the Committee about the Project Outreach Program that is currently in practice in Plymouth County. Ed described the benefits to this collaboration and specifically noted that it is a way to work for the Town to better organize the response after a Narcan use.
 - Ed noted that in Plymouth the Police Chief started the Program and now it includes a Team from Beth Israel Plymouth, Drug Court Justices, Police and a consultant to work on the data.
 - In addition, Plymouth expressed their concerns over the lack of in-patient bed space for people seeking assistance.
 - It was suggested that we meet with John McGahan from Gavin Foundation to collaborate for bed space options if we go in this direction.
- Amazing Healthy Race – May 11th at South Middle School
 - Shannon, Mary and Laura Crowley have volunteered to manage the booth for the Partnership.
 - Mary is seeking out 2 pairs of impaired goggles for the event as the Sheriff's Office has the equipment needed.
- A discussion surrounded the Departments who have already been trained and Kevin named several that he has trained but he noted that there are several others that need to be trained.
- A suggestion was made that as the project moves forward a 'Train the Trainers' model would be helpful.
- Kevin reminded the group that we need to make sure that we have enough Narcan kits for distribution.

- It was suggested that a meeting with the Mayor be held to discuss this initiative prior to making plans.
- Motion was made by Shannon that all Town employees will be trained on Narcan use. Motion was seconded by Jon and all were in favor.
- A discussion about the manner in which guest speakers are managed at the Partnership Meetings ensued. All agreed that we should not wait until the end of the meeting as everyone is rushing out. It was suggested that we should start the meeting with the speaker. Possible speakers;
 - Jennifer Picard – newly in recovery and has agreed to speak at the April 26th meeting
 - Annmarie Galvin
 - Dan Cleggett – in recovery, from Braintree and owner of 3 sober homes
- The next discussion was based on how we need to get the Partnership information out and spread throughout the Town. It was agreed by all that we need to go to the local organizations such as; the Rotary, Braintree Chamber of Commerce, Elder Affairs and School PTO's.
 - We need to develop and implement a calendar of events and speaking engagements.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm and next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 24th at 3pm.