

Pequannock Township Coalition, Minutes of September 15, 2015 Meeting

PTHS Media Center

In attendance (sector represented):

Marianne Albano (parent), Alberta Alleva (civic/volunteer), Jillian Andresen (school), Det. Steve Cicchetti (law enforcement), Brett Charleston (school), Chloe Cogavin (school), MaryAnn Daly Couch (healthcare), Joan Darmofalski, Lorin DePinto (parent), Donna Derricks (healthcare), Melissa Florence-Lynch (business), Richard Hayzler (school), David Kohle (government), Lorraine LaTempa (healthcare), Theodore Loeffler (education), Mike Meyer (parent), Phyllis Minicuci (coordinator), Michael Portas (education), Alicia Scelso (education), Laura Shamber (religious), Mary Vineis (youth serving), Dave Wetmore (civic), Cindy Wolkowitz (healthcare)

The fall 2015 Kickoff meeting was started at 5:00 pm followed by introductions, housekeeping instructions, participant sign in and distribution of meeting packets.

Mary opened the meeting and expressed her appreciation for everyone attending. She talked about the benefits of the PTC, the MAC, and the schools working so closely together.

Phyllis gave a brief review of the DFC Support Program, explained the 7 strategies that a DFC Coalition uses to bring about community change, and discussed substances that PTC addresses – underage drinking and misuse of prescription medications - for the benefit of the many new attendees. She also walked attendees through the contents of a new information packet that has been assembled. DFC Objectives and activities for 2015-2016 were reviewed.

An update on the following recent activities/objectives was given:

Related to Goal 1, objective 1, strategy 1:

- Information about the PTC is being placed in church bulletins at Our Lady of Good Council

Related to Goal 2, objective 1, strategy 1:

- New media – a take one answering questions about effects of alcohol on youth
- New media – brochure explaining current underage drinking laws and the local property ordinance
- 2000 coffee cups and napkins labeled with PTC info and the Parent's Who Host Lose the Most logo have been donated to the PTHS concessions stand and will be given out during Fall athletic events.

Related to Goal 2, objective 4, strategy 1:

- New media – a brochure for parents on talking to their kids about Rx drugs

The following new activities are scheduled for the coming weeks:

- PTC Banners/signs on PTHS Athletic Fields with FBLS
- PTC table at the Hoedown (Mike Meyers offered to help man the table)
- PTC at PTHS Back to School Night
- Prevention Pinwheels Project (Homecoming weekend)
- Drug Take Back week (9/29)
- Epidemic H funding

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- Do No Harm Faith Based Conference in Morristown (9/16)
- Red Ribbon Week (October)

The Municipal Alliance updated the attendees on their recent/upcoming activities including a program from Campus Outreach, purchasing a banner for the athletic fields, and a Peer Leadership One Day retreat. They will be hosting “Helping Your Teen Manage the Academic and Social Pressures of School” program on October 6 at the high school and will be co-sponsoring the Keith Hawkins “Stand Up For Something” at the middle school on October 22.

The next meeting will be on October 14th at 4:30 in the PTHS Media Center.

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