

# Pequannock Township Coalition, Minutes of September 14, 2016 Meeting

## PTHS Media Center

In attendance:

Marianne Albano (parent), Jillian Andresen (school), Kim Bischer (education), Det. Steve Cicchetti (law enforcement), Chloe Cogavin (school), Lorin DePinto (parent), Stephanie Drag (other substance abuse agency), Melissa Florence-Lynch (business), Theodore Loeffler (education), Michael Meyer (parent), Phyllis Minicuci (coordinator), Michael Portas (education), Hannah Sabbagh (healthcare), Alicia Scelso (education), Laura Shamber (religious), Mary Vineis (youth serving), Dave Wetmore (civic)

- The meeting was started at 4:30. CIA renewal forms were signed. Chloe offered to take notes for meeting minutes. Welcome to Kim Buscher representing the PTEA!
- Congratulations everyone on receiving continued DFC funding for another 5 years!
- Mary gave an update on the Community Partners for Hope events being planned. The first will be an Opiate Awareness night on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at the First Reformed Church. Brad Seabury (Assistant MC Prosecutor) and Dr. Devidan from the Chilton ER will be speaking, as will a family member of someone who has experienced addiction. There will be resource tables, including the Center for Addiction Recovery and Success (CARES) who will provide the same support packets that are being distributed by many Morris County police officers whenever someone goes through a Narcan reversal. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for Telephone Recovery Support - daily/weekly check in with a recovery support specialist who who can speak to you during your recovery to help you through the process. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event will be a Hidden in Plain Sight in January which the PTC will be presenting. There will also be Chris Herren events during the day for students and in the evening for parents/families on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the PTHS.
- There are several events that the Coalition will be attending this week, and volunteers are needed for both. Back to School Night is the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be giving out seat cushions to parents, handing out surveys and literature, and recruiting new members. The Hoedown is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with the PD, there will be a “take back” event with the mobile unit, and we will use the Fatal Vision goggles and mat that was just purchased with youth.
- Shredding Day is October 15<sup>th</sup>. It would be good to also hold a rx take back day outside the municipal building. **Action item:** Steve will talk to his lieutenant about doing it.
- Foldover cards and magnets describing how and why to use the prescription dropbox are available and we should look to drop them off at the community pharmacies in town. **Action item:** Phyllis will look into this before the next meeting.
- “Knock-Out Opiate Day” is a statewide event being held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be two areas of focus. The first will have volunteers knocking on the doors of community members and/or placing hanging door tags on their doors. The tags encourage people to have a conversation about addiction with their physicians before taking an opiate for pain relief. The second focus is on the medical community. Volunteers will meet with pain management physicians, oral surgeons, and dentists and offer them the new prescribing guidelines developed by the CDC and Temple University. 100 volunteers are needed for Morris County. If anyone is interested, there will be a training held on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the FDU School of Pharmacy, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup> in south Jersey. Former Governor Codey will be among those knocking on doors. Partnership for a Drug Free NJ is coordinating the event in partnership with the Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris, which PTC is a task force of.

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pinwheels Prevention project will be held during the week surrounding Homecoming. Pinwheels have been ordered and we are looking to work with the students to install the pinwheels. Last year we received terrific media coverage as PTHS was the first in Morris County to host the display.
- Working groups will need to be more active this year as the action plan submitted was very aggressive. Vaping and marijuana were added to the list of substances we will address.
- A committee was formed to work on the Hidden In Plain Sight event. The following members volunteered: Laura Shamber, Lauren DePinto, MaryAnn Albano, Phyllis Minicuci, Alicia Scelso, Steve Cichetti, and Mary Vineis. **Action item:** All coalition members please be on the lookout for free or very inexpensive furnishings and materials to use for the teen bedroom “set”. Lt. Fairweather has agreed to provide the paraphernalia that will be hidden. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a speaker who will focus on the importance of parents protecting their child instead of focusing on the child’s right to privacy.
- A woman who walks around town and the school has found various substance bags and brought them to the attention of the Coalition. Environmental Scans are important and helpful and would be a good opportunity for our youth, particularly using a tool like PhotoVoice to display their findings. Youth are encouraged to attend Coalition meetings. **Action item: School SAC’s** please identify students who may be interested and invite them to the meetings.
- Update on disseminating information on local diner placemats – Phyllis called the agency who has the Pompton Queen and Diner 23. The cost is around \$500 which is about 200,000 placemats. Initially they said that they would have room in the November printing, but later reversed their position and said that they do not want a DRUG message, so if we can get space we will use the Drug Takeback message instead of the “would you give your child heroin for...” message. Laura suggested that we look into doing a Value Pack mailing and will get Phyllis the information.
- Morris Countywide Fall Prevention Conference is being held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9 at Meadowwood Manor in Randolph. A link for information and registration is <https://morriscountynj.wufoo.com/forms/2016-countywide-prevention-forum/>
- Stephanie mentioned a Prevention Conference being held in Bergen on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Keynote speaker will be talking about primary prevention (marijuana and alcohol), there will be breakout groups: faith based leaders, emerging drug trends, youth groups for substance abuse prevention, trauma informed care. The cost is \$20 and the event will be held at the Glenpoint Marriot in Teaneck.
- The group decided that monthly meetings will continue at 4:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Please add these dates to your calendar:
  - October 12, 2016
  - November 9, 2016
  - December 14, 2016
  - January 11, 2017
  - February 8, 2017
  - March 8, 2017
  - April 12, 2017
  - May 10, 2017
  - June 14, 2017
  - July – no meeting
  - August 9, 2017
  - September 13, 2017
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.