

Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

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Those in attendance were: Monica Blanchette, Col. Steven Lynch, Beth Ullucci, Mike Gingell, Terry Lacey, David Brissette, Michael Sollitto, David Beauchemin, Ashley Crenca, Mitchell Cournoyer, Monica Tomson, Julie Mayhew, Matthew Zanni, Raymond Trinquet, Dennis Anderson, Maj. Dennis Leahy, Lt. Bill Lacey, Amanda Gingell, Michelle Harter, John Mattson, Gabey Abbate, Richard Peck, Thomas Smith

1. Welcome
2. Approval December Minutes - a motion was made to approve the December minutes. The motion passed.
3. New Business
 - a. CCA Presentation on COE
 - i. Two representatives from CCA (Christa and Michelle) shared a presentation about The Center of Excellence's (COE's) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). The services offered COE include expedited access to treatment for opioid abuse. COE offers multidisciplinary services (psychiatry, counseling, case management) for any adult aged 18 or over. There is also a Serenity Center open to everyone, not just CCA enrollees. It's free sober support for the community.
 - b. Monica Blanchette
 - i. BPAC Youth Internship Update
 1. Two students from BHS have shown interest - waiting on applications. Ashley Crenca is going to follow up with them
 - ii. Tobacco Free Teen Alliance Grant through RIDOH
 1. December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019
 2. Youth Stipends: \$10/wk for 20 weeks (up to 10 youth)
 - a. Six students are involved (minimum requirement) and will begin training soon. One aspect is policy making, so Monica is looking for members of the town council to help out.
 - iii. BVPC – Recruitment of Burrillville Coalition Members to attend monthly meetings
 1. Monica is looking for someone to attend these meetings. Please email her if you are interested.
 - iv. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
 1. The grant will cover this training if we do it through the school department. We can do it one 8-hour session or two four-hour sessions. The trainings have to happen before June 30th and we need a minimum of 20 participants. BSD reps will reach out to staff.
 - v. Town Hall at Cinema World in Lincoln
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- vi. Burrillville Town Hall – Opioids
 - 1. Monica wants to create a subcommittee to plan our own town hall meeting on opioids, esp. creative ideas to bring people in. Please contact Monica if you are interested. The plan is to hold it in April or May - it has to be done before the end of June. Recommendation to hold it in April, before prom season; possible incentive for students to attend (reduced price for prom tickets, community service hours).
- vii. BPAC 5K Sub-committee
 - 1. Matthew Zanni and Kristen Raimond volunteered for subcommittee - Col. Lynch volunteered as well. Monica wants to schedule a date ASAP.
- viii. RI Prevention Conference: Brain-Based Approaches to Prevention
 - 1. Conference was already waitlisted when Monica tried to sign our group up. The list is very long and it's unlikely we will be attending. Gabey Abbate has two seats, paid for.
- c. Michelle Harter
 - i. Update on BAAP - Three people in treatment this week; two more potentially for next week. BPD has been v. supportive in this work. Full-page ad on front of Bargain Buyer last week may have contributed to referrals.
 - ii. Women's group meeting weekly on Thursday mornings at 11:00 at BPD.
- 4. Reports
 - a. School
 - i. Dr. Sollitto was surveyed about policy recommendations by the Tobacco Free Schools alliance - they are surveying all superintendents in RI for feedback
 - ii. BHS had its first meeting this evening to revise substance abuse policy; they are looking at other options beyond just suspending students
 - b. Youth
 - i. No report this evening
 - c. Police
 - i. V. busy lately with mental health calls, likely due to holidays
 - ii. Sgt. Leahy/Officer Beauchemin December was the first month with no tobacco use discovered at the school; admin and SRO report that incidents of vaping and tobacco use are down, suspensions for substance use are down about 50% this year
 - d. Fire
 - i. EMTs all recertified; reviewed Narcan protocols
 - ii. ER diversions for mental health issues are taking a toll on EMTs and on hospital staff; occurring more and more frequently
- 5. Other Announcements
 - Amanda Gingell commented on MAT with WellOne - experiencing similar issues to CCA, pushback from recovering patients.

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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 6:00pm at
Burrillville High School
425 East Avenue, Harrisville, RI 02830***