

Natick Together for Youth

Monthly Coalition Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2012

8:30 - 10:00am

Natick High School Library

In attendance:, Karen Fossett, Debbie Budd, Deb Sayre, Christine Guthery, Lisa DePalo, Pam Koskovich, Margaret Boudreau, Chuck Young, Marie Caradonna, Ian Mevorach, Maggie Moran, Dan Keefe, Firkins Reed, Jane Detwiler, Astrid Dretler, Diane Packer, Catherine Green, Jane Biagi, Karen Rufo, Paul Joseph, Jim White, Annette Ziegler, Sandy Pease, Erica Dinerman

Introductions. New attendees included Ian Mevorach from the new Common Street Community Church in downtown Natick. And Pam Koskovich shared that her organization has been renamed, from Natick Early Childhood Network to Family Resources of Natick.

June Meeting Minutes approved.

Update provided on the three issues that NTY voted on in June:

- 1) Tilly and Salvy's liquor license request -some sale of items restrictions were put in place. Now in front of the state licensing board for approval.
- 2) Serving alcohol in public school buildings during adult events-Selectmen and School Committee hope to take this up in a joint meeting.
- 3) Our financial contribution to MAPA-was agreed on.

Our need to vote on issues in June brought up the need for having official by-laws to govern NTY's structure and voting process.

A Leadership Team will be formed (all interested members welcome) to begin drafting a process for determining the structure and by-laws of NTY. First meeting of Leadership Team scheduled for September 13th. Sign up will be through "doodle".

NTY has worked with Natick Public Schools to have AlcoholEdu provided to students and parents at NHS for the next three years.

Four students were referred for diversion at Natick High School

Librarians will be reading "The Red Ribbon, A Story of Hope" to fourth grade students in Natick elementary schools in October during Red Ribbon and Substance Abuse Prevention Month. NTY is introducing the Red Ribbon book to teach students that when a community works together and each person gives a little and uses their skills and talents, more people can get what they need. (sharing resources)

Margaret Boudreau, Sandy Pease and Jane Detwiler shared their experience from the CADCA week of training that they each attended in Feb, April and August 2012 respectively.

NTY hopes to launch its' new website by the end of September. Safe Home Pledge will be prominent feature on new website.

All NTY members are invited to write articles for the TAB Newspaper in an NTY monthly feature. We would like one member to volunteer at our monthly Coalition meeting to write that month's TAB article and then submit the article to the TAB within the following two weeks. People who said they would write an article:

Chuck Young-Sept
Marie Caradonna
Jane Detwiler
Christine Guthery
Dan Keefe

The Youth Task Force will be meeting to discuss the formation of an NTY Teen Leadership Club that will help to promote prevention messages to youth in Natick. A town-wide Youth Advisory Board is being reorganized and taken over by the Board of Selectmen* with a goal to involve teen leaders in Natick's political process. NTY's Leadership Club could potentially be involved in Youth Advisory Board.

A Medicinal Marijuana Informational Committee was formed to provide information about November's Ballot Question#3 to the Natick community. Jim W and Deb S will serve.

The October Coalition Meeting will be our Annual Retreat and preparations are underway for it to be an hands-on experience that will "Move us into Action"!

Everyone was emailed a "Coalition Exercise" in advance of this meeting and copies were provided at today's meeting. All Coalition members are encouraged to complete the exercise so that we can build on those responses at the Retreat and begin to draft our Action Plan for Year 2.

Meeting adjourned and Coalition broke off into smaller Committee meetings.

Action Items:

- *Marijuana work group will meet to create short information sheet for distribution*
- *Youth Leadership Committee to decide curriculum choice between Above the Influence and SALSA*
- *Adult leadership group to meet with Dave Shavel to plan retreat*
- *Article to be submitted to Natick Tab by Chuck Young for Sept to address Prescription Drug use and Sept 29 Drug Take back at Natick Police Station*
- *Red Ribbon books will be distributed to Elementary School Librarians*
- *Collaboration with Natick Public Schools to Implement Alcohol.edu for Freshmen*
- *Collaboration with Natick Public Schools to implement next MWAHS in Nov*
- *NTY Parent Network members to meet with other Natick organizations and then create a master programming calendar-Christine G and Erica*

Next Meeting: RETREAT: Tuesday, October 9, 7:30am-10:30am NHS Staff Café

* Correction submitted by Selectman Paul Joseph-The Youth Advisory Board has always been a Selectmen appointed body, but its liaison to the Board has recently been re-assigned to the Director of Rec and Parks.