

# Natick Together for Youth

Meeting Minutes-December 10, 2012

**In attendance:**, Karen Fossett, Debbie Budd, Christine Guthery, Pam Koskovich, Marie Caradonna, Ian Mevorach, Dan Keefe, Jane Detwiler, Christine Guthery, Astrid Dretler, Jane Biagi, Karen Rufo, Paul Joseph, Jim White, Michelle Cromwell, Chief Hicks, Bev Presson, Jane Boyle, Ian Wong, Beth Heffler, Erica Dinerman

## **Updates and Opportunities:**

**Jan 8-** SPF Training-Strategic Prevention Model-NTY will pay if you would like to attend the training being held in Newton

**Jan 8-**Tim Collins, Athletic Director will present to the Coalition

**Feb 4-7** National CADCA Conference

**March 4-**School Committee Presentation. Erica would like four or five NTY members to attend and present.

**Natick Together for Youth Club-**School Resource Officers will be leading a club at NHS that starts today after school. The club will be youth directed. The intent is to engage students Beth knows who were Peer Leaders in middle school but are not in the high school.

## **Medicinal Marijuana Dispensary Update**

- An informal meeting was held with community officials to share information about the status of dispensaries
- The State is waiting for DPH to create regulations pertaining to dispensaries. They have 120 days from Jan1 to do so.
- It is possible that there will be a 6 months extension request by DPH.

## **Discussion:**

### **Impact of medicinal marijuana on Natick youth-What should NTY do?**

- NTY is in agreement that Town Officials will address the needs of the community for regulation of Medicinal Marijuana
- Our role is to provide education in the community about marijuana to adults and youth
- The need is to create a social norms campaign using multiple strategies to reach people

- We need to prepare materials asap
- We need to develop a long term plan

**Many ideas were shared including the following:**

- Create a scholarship to provide student incentives to develop a social norms campaign-use a model similar to the show “The Voice” to engage more people and use a mentoring approach
- Have a speaker for the kids who can talk to them at their level. There may be resources at MetroWest Medical Center.
- Develop a social norms campaign that reaches adults and kids
- Provide opportunities so that youth who may not be part of NPS can be involved
- Use social media and Facebook to reach our audience
- Create a campaign and then have follow up programming.