

Partnerships For Success Coalition

Meeting Notes
September 13th, 2010

Attendance: Jackie Carlino, Denise Nalezynski, Mike Imbro, Wali Kadeem, Tish Morrissey, John Popik
Staff: Tammy Trojanowski, Denique Weidema
Guests: Jan Laster, RYASAP; Stephanie Moran, The Governor's Prevention Partnership

Welcome

The Coalition meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. During introductions, Jan provided information about the September 25th Take Back Your Meds program at Baldwin Center.

Grant Updates

Youth Engagement

Twelve youth from Stratford and Bunnell High School were involved in the overnight nGage'd (formerly Peer Advocates) retreat where they learned about how to be good resources to their friends.

Four HYPE youth attended Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) annual 4-day MADD Youth Leadership Camp (also known as "Power Camp"). Power Camp is a four-day leadership experience for youth from communities throughout Connecticut to come together, gain skills, and develop a youth-run and executed action plan to bring back to their communities. This year's group is planning to conduct a youth survey and other research. Eric Daniels, a 2011 senior from Stratford High School was also interviewed on Star 99.9 about his camp experience. The link to the full interview is at <http://search.star999.com/m/audio/32765796/star-99-9-weekends-jul-25-2010-6-00am-6-30am.htm?pageid=118710>.

Also, funds made possible through Year 1 PFS grant funds provided HYPE 2010 seniors with the opportunity to work with the Sib Law of Saxon Mills Inc. to write, film, and produce a 5-part webisode series entitled, "What's In Your Cup?" to give audiences a visual representation of the social and legal consequences of social hosting and peer pressure. As of September 21, 2010, the first episode of *What's In Your Cup?* is now publicly viewable at <http://blip.tv/file/4153788>. More information will be forthcoming on a large release event and ways to utilize the videos to begin discussions with parents on the Social Host Law and parental monitoring.

Liquor Permittee Engagement

ID Booklets and signage were provided to all 92 current liquor permittees in Stratford (The letter is attached with this month's meeting notes) to encourage compliance with retail liquor laws. Denique will be following up with visits with permittees during the months of October and November.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan has been completed and submitted to the PFS funder, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for review and approval. An electronic copy of the Strategic Plan was sent to all coalition members with the September meeting reminder e-mail.

Evaluation Consultants and Parent Survey

As part of the grant, it is required that \$5,000 is designated to contract with a consultant to provide evaluation services. The Town is contracting with duBay Horton Associates of Bridgeport, who also works with other funded PFS grant communities. Their first project is a parent survey. A copy of the draft survey was distributed to the group and members provided feedback. Comments included the need to survey parents of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Changes were encouraged for the order of the Social Host questions and to correct typos. A discussion



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was also had about where to distribute survey; potential avenues include the Sterling House soccer field, Stratford Library, Bulldog/Red Devils Club, Marching Band parents, online through the Board of Education's Parent Portal, churches, grocery stores, and during upcoming flu clinics. Revisions will be made to the survey and redistributed with the September notes for coalition feedback.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.