



Alliance for
Substance
Abuse
Prevention

ASAP Coalition Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2014

Attendance:

Alan Wilkett, Pasco Sheriff's Office
Art Rowand, Pasco Sheriff's Office
Donna Butt, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Heather O'Dell, BayCare Behavioral Health
Jodi Pushkin, Newspaper in Education
Krista Martinkovic, BayCare Behavioral Health
Leslie Noland, GulfCoast Jewish Family Services
Melissa Fuller, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Phyllis Haley, Operation Par LiveFree!
Rick Hess, Pasco Kids First
Shelah Neece, BayCare Behavioral Health
Tracey Kaly, BayCare Behavioral Health
Michael Hicks, Turning Point of Tampa

Anna Leslie, WTOG- CW44
Ashley Neal, Turning Point of Tampa
Chrissie Parris, ASAP
Gabby Flores, Healthy Start Coalition of Pasco
Kathy Moore, USF
Leslie Gervase, Morton Plant North Bay Hospital
Liana Dean, BayCare Behavioral Health
Paula Green, Youth and Family Alternatives
Randy Holm, Juvenile Arbitration 6th Court
Shannon Kennedy, Juvenile Arbitration 6th Court
Michael Kirk, TN24 Recovery
Sgt. J. Collier, Pasco Sheriff's Office
Miguel Velazquez, Staywell

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Tracey welcomed group, at 10:00 a.m. Review of April minutes unavailable and as such postponed. Chrissie will forward April minutes to Coalition Members prior to June Meeting.

Introductions took place.

II. GUEST SPEAKER:

Mary Rivera Gibson from Redefining Refuge shared information re: the program Redefining Refuge is a DCF funded shelter in a secure location for young girls 12 – 17 years old who have been then victims of human trafficking. Ms. Gibson presented the underlying dynamics of human trafficking to help committee members better understand what the victims experience emotionally, mentally and physically. The Refuge provides shelter, education, food and treatment. Questions and answers followed. The community can help via reporting, support, and donations.

Alan added that Florida is the third in the United States for human trafficking. The Tampa Bay area is second in the state. Alan also shared some things to look for as potential signs of human trafficking situations: submissive-type behavior on the part of the young girl; unusual behavior at homes; for example large numbers of people arriving in the morning and being picked up at night; one young girl walking amongst several men, appearing to be awaiting instruction, etc.

III. SEN AND RX COMMITTEE:

Leslie Gervase spoke on the development of the medication safety and side effects poster/presentation board. This education poster board was designed based on her findings via surveys/questions throughout the year. She indicated she has presented to nurses in Sarasota and at Regional hospital; information was well received. Information sheet and questions distributed.

Chrissie indicated several committee members will be doing a presentation/dialogue on Bayside CW; it will run approximately thirty minutes re: medication safety and the checklist in July.

Chrissie also reported the “Be Aware”, Don’t Share” PSA’s have been on Brighthouse and on CW.

Liana shared that she and Heather have been surveying women of child bearing age concerning what they know regarding medications affecting their unborn child. The women surveyed reported receiving most of their information from their provider.

IV. MARIJUANA TASK FORCE:

Shelah reported that at the last meeting the Community Survey was reviewed and approved. The next step will be distribution throughout the community. The goal is to gain information concerning the community’s perception of the marijuana issues.

V. STAND:

Shelah indicated the Appreciation Event Picnic for STAND members is scheduled for Friday June 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Wesley Chapel District Park. The group will also be filming their PSA re: “How do you stand above the influence” on June 5th.

Chrissie distributed copies of “Know the Law” booklet to members. Thousand copies have been made and are available.

VI. MEMBERSHIP ROUNDTABLE:

Paula shared that Mary Rubin has left her position and will be missed. Melissa Giles will take over the job beginning June 1st.

Shelah mentioned that Mary’s departure leaves an opening for the Alcohol Initiatives Committee Chair.

Gabby indicated this Thursday is the Health Start Coalition Meeting at Rasmussen from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Additionally she shared that the Baby Shower Event went well; thanking Liana and Heather for speaking at the event on medication safety.

Melissa Fuller reported on the upcoming event on June 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. called Community FUNdamentals Fair, encouraged members to spread the word.

Kathy Moore reported that they have a new scholars group; they will be meeting with Baycare soon to design a new project.

Ashley Neal with Turning Point shared that they are starting the process of creating a foundation. Michael Hicks will oversee the project.

Rick Hess added on to the changes for Mary Rubin indicating she will be a therapist in Trauma Treatment along with providing family counseling through "Health Families".

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.