



Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

ASAP Coalition Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2013
10:00am – 11:35am

Attendance

Alice Delgado, United Way Pasco County
Art Rowand, Pasco Sheriff's Office
Melissa Fuller, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Eli Campbell, Juvenile Arbitration 6th Court
Chrissie Parris, ASAP
Katy Fritz, BayCare Behavioral Health
Monica Rousseau, Pasco County Health Dept
Leslie Noland, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services
Bill Davis, Pasco Sheriff's Office
Rick Hess, Pasco Kids First
Renee Shelton, PACE Center for Girls
Randy Holm, Juvenile Arbitration 6th Judicial Court
Shelah Neece, ASAP
Sue Bedry, Tampa Bay Times NIE
Corey Ray, New Port Richey Police Dept.

Jodi Pushkin, Tampa Bay Times NIE
Betsy Robinson, Career Central/youth
JoAnn Chambers, Poison Control
Chris Mahan, Crazy 8 Freedom
Stephanie Centella, Calvary Chapel Worship Center
Chris Wittmann, Trinity Pain Center
Leslie Gervase, Morton Plant North Bay Hospital
Liana Dean, ASAP
Tom Sheehan, Operation PAR
Paula Green, Youth and Family Alternatives
Tracey Kaly, BayCare Behavioral Health
Samantha Brighton, Pasco County Health Dept.
Nichole Snyder, USF
Alexandra Albizu, USF
Mary Rubin, Youth and Family Alternatives

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Tracey Kaly, Chair, welcomed Coalition Members at 10:10 a.m. Introductions took place.

II. Guest Speaker:

Jodi Pushkin with Newspaper in Education (NIE) explained what NIE does, where their publications are distributed and what their primary purpose: providing reading material throughout Tampa Bay area schools to students and parents. Additionally, NIE hosts teacher workshops; see their website for more information: tampabay.com/nie

III. Alcohol Initiatives:

- A. Katy indicated they are looking for a local restaurant to be a vendor who demonstrates "best practice" with regard to their efforts in preventing alcohol related issues.

- B. Chrissie shared the last drink survey results with MADD at the last meeting. MADD is open to and would like to share their personal stories at venues who repeatedly show up on the survey as being the establishment arrestees last drink at prior to their DUI. The hope is that the emotional and legal side of victims' families will have an impact on venue staff.
- C. Chrissie shared that information was received indicating New Port Richey leaders are considering allowing alcohol at Rec Center Events. Chrissie reported more information is needed and then A.S.A.P. would want to consider whether or not to get involved, i.e. by taking a stance. Chrissie indicated she will send out an email with the time and date of the next city council meeting when this issue is on their agenda.
- D. Re: Red Ribbon Activities, as noted on the back of the agenda, Nope Candle Light Vigil is tonight, October 22nd. The Red Ribbon Week Kick-off Event is on October 28th in Dade City at the court house. It will include the five minute freeze mob; t-shirts will be given to first 100 participants.

Chrissie also shared that area schools are looking for speakers. She distributed a list of topics per school request. A.S.A.P. members were encouraged to sign up for any topics they would like to speak on.

IV. Marijuana Committee:

Shelah indicated the group has put together a draft marijuana factsheet for distribution. Their next meeting is November 5th at Rasmussen.

V. RX Committee:

Corporal Wilkett shared that the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Nope Vigil tonight October 22nd is at the Verizon Event Center. Leslie shared results from the National Knowledge and Attitude Survey for Nurses. Generally speaking results indicated many nurses believe they know what they need to know concerning prescription drugs but the tests/surveys show otherwise. The next step to trying to figure out the best method to better educate nurses; to date, the on-line education does not seem to be working.

Bill reported that they are still going strong after synthetics and the decreased amounts in Pasco seem to indicate some success. Pinellas has seen an increase in synthetic sales/use. Bill shared some successful effort including a recent one which included Pam Bondi and Fox News. A search warrant for a Mobil Station revealed 212 packets of synthetics marijuana, along with other narcotics. The letter police sent to all such stores re: the illegality of synthetics was found amongst the contraband; so it's unlikely the owner will be able to deny knowledge.

Alan shared that he recently was able to assist a parent whose son got hooked on synthetics, access service through A.S.A. P.

VI. Substance Exposed Newborn Committee:

Liana indicated the committee is looking to send a follow up letter to Pam Bondi re: Neo Natal Abstinence Syndrome, concerning data collection on our state.

The committee is also working on medical provider surveys, attempting to design them

in such a way that completion is quick and easy, and including the issues of integrated care. A sample (draft) survey was distributed to coalition members for review and feedback.

Chrissie added that the SEN and RX Committees will follow one another on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

VII. A.S.A.P. Business:

Chrissie shared the new logo for A.S.A.P. She also discussed the need to update Coalition Involvement Agreements; twelve participating sectors are required. Chrissie is working on an upcoming grant; as such she will be pursuing these signed agreements in the very near future. She indicated the Alcohol Policy and Drug Use Survey is still available on-line; to date approximately 200 have been completed. A \$100.00 gift card will be given to one of the survey responders in December.

Lastly, Chrissie reported she has two speakers set up for A.S.A.P. Meetings in 2014; asked members to email her suggestions.

VIII. Members Roundtable:

Chris Wittmann shared that he is very interested in fundraising for A.S.A.P. and threw it out to members for subcommittee participation. Anyone interested is to see Chris.

Chris Mahan discussed Crazy 8 Freedom, and anti-bullying, suicide prevention group. They are having a fundraiser, called Hope for the Bay. It is a festival offering children and parent activities. It will be held at Calvary Chapel on Trouble Creek Road, in New Port Richey on February 28th and March 1st.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.