

SOMERSET SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION

Minutes – July 16, 2013

In Attendance: Cindy Britt, Cathy Canterino, Jerri Collevecchio, Brenda Esler, Pat Freyberger, Lesley Gabel, Elaine Howe, Mia Kottler, Steve Mandraccia, Robyn Marks, Michelle Mazzagatti, Trevor Oldenberg, Brenda Pateman, Steve SanAntonio, Betsy Savage, Amee Smolinsky, Tom Wallace, Len Weinfeld, Bruce Yellin

Excused: Kimberly Cremer, Ann Freitag, Kathy O'Brien, Alice Osipowitz, Lisa Spencer

Vision Plan: Reduce Youth Abuse of Alcohol and Drugs to Achieve a Healthier Life and SAFER Community.

Mission: Through wide spread community collaboration, environmental change, and community education in Hunterdon and Somerset counties, we will address areas of concern including, but not limited to, reducing Rx drug abuse across the lifespan, underage drinking, tobacco, marijuana, and other drug use.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/FOLLOW-UP
Welcome / Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice breaker – summer vacation plans or favorite summer food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Announcements, Activities and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/21 – Family Community Services will hold its annual 5K race at Duke Island Park, includes kids events and 1-mile walk. Can register on CompuScore. 11/1 – HPR/Coalition annual Fall Conference. Looking for a closer location for Somerset attendees. CEU credits. Keynote speaker is Dr. Kevin Sabet – Check him out on kevinabet.com. He is very big on SAM (Smart Approach to Marijuana) – very supportive of coalition work and law enforcement. Also working to get Capt. Ropolo, Park Ridge PD, to speak on emerging technologies, and Fran Micelli, addiction specialist. Conference for coalition members is free; cost for non-members is \$25. 9/18 – Princeton House Open House, will be held two times during the day (7:30 – 9:30 am and 3:30 – 5 pm). Open House is for 2 new programs – a new “Emotional Eating” program and another supporting adolescent girls emotionally for those girls who are borderline (i.e., cutting but not suicidal). We will have another launch of <i>From Pills 2 Heroin</i> (P2H) but on smaller scale and with more advance notice (and hopefully no rain). Date still to be determined. 9/12 – GACADA (Governor’s Council) Conference, 8am -3pm at Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. Fills up quickly so if interested in attending, register soon. CEU credits. Mia Kottler was named Volunteer of the Year by Somerset County (SC) Municipal Alliances. Her name will be put into pool for chance at State Volunteer of the Year. CONGRATULATIONS MIA! The Coalition received a letter yesterday from Gov. Christie in response to the “Coalition of Excellence” award. Letter will be posted on our website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any agency has small items for goody bag for 5K race, let Pat Freyberger know. They are also looking for sponsors (get logo on t-shirts), ideas for prizes and youth volunteers. Let Lesley or Jerri know if you have recommendations for other speakers for Annual Conference or suggestions for give-aways.

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Workgroups: Rx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of P2H: SC judge who uses <i>In A Split Second</i>, JCC kids, Middle Earth kids, station house adjustments • P2H talking points were drafted and distributed to Rx and Illegal Drugs workgroups. If anyone wants a copy, please email Bruce. • Have a table at Freshman orientations. It was suggested to put together a package for all school SACs with info on Coalition and all workgroup initiatives – include giveaways in this package • Death of GLEE actor – if his death is found to be drug related, connect to our message. This show is popular with both youth and parents. • How to get parents involved at events? Tables at football games? • Revitalize BACCHUS Club at RVCC • Drop-box posters – Len Weinfeld will speak to Pharmacist Assn. to find out how to get posters placed in the pharmacies. • Len had an article published <i>The New Jersey Journal of Pharmacy</i>. • Lesley, Bruce, Amee (and Len Weinfeld) are meeting with James Miele, administrator of N.J. Prescription Monitoring Program in an effort to get more doctors to sign up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of press on the poster, with photo of winner and Sen. Bateman • Get on agenda for SC SAC monthly meeting in Sept/Oct – give them copies of P2H and <i>In A Split Second</i> • See if we can also get on agenda for SAC conference scheduled for 11/12 from 8am – 1pm
Workgroups: Illegal Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for 9/21 at the Somerville YMCA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a panel made up of speakers from treatment, law enforcement, school, pharmaceutical, and hospital. Each panelist would speak for about 5 minutes; these panelists still need to be determined. • Will also have Intoxiclock and goggles. • Event is intended for both parents and students. • Will raffle off an iPad - attendees would get a questionnaire and those who get all correct answers will be eligible to win the iPad. • Food will be provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Workgroups: UAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school nights for middle and high schools; will outreach to 5 – 7 communities based on those identified by the Municipal Alliances as having UAD problem. These nights will focus on “parents who host lose the most.” • SC 4H Fair is August 7, 8, 9. SC Youth Council has a table and Coalition members will help man the table all 3 days of the Fair. They have requested 911 cards and fatal vision goggles. • Far Hills race is scheduled for 10/19. This is a big fundraising event sponsored by Somerset Medical Center. There have been UAD/binge drinking issues in the past so this year, organizers have put in restrictions - no alcohol allowed in and NJ Transit will not be serving alcohol. A Letter to the Editor will be drafted commending the organizers for taking these steps; the organizers will be cc’d on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the letter as well. At the event, Coalition members will reach out to the organizers to introduce coalition and offer to help in any way. 	
Workgroups: Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Media workgroup will work with all other workgroups on the initiatives and events above. If anyone has a contact in any of the school districts, please email contact information to Cathy so that she can see about getting Coalition flyers and event info distributed through the school email list serves. Additionally, will try to get one press releases out each month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Meeting Minutes will now be available on Coalition website for those who were unable to attend meeting.

There will be no Coalition meeting in August.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 from 9:30 - 11:00 am @ RVCC, in Atrium – go through front door, past reception to back of building