

Organizational Meeting - Mayor's Drug Abuse Task Force

December 2, 2014, 3:00 pm, Somersworth City Hall

Members present: Steve MacKenzie, Kenny Vincent, Mark Rideout, Amy Michaels, Dave Kretschmar, Debra Hendrickson, Meme Poulin, David Witham, Mark Sipple, Sarah Flynn, Keith Hoyle, Maureen Jackman

Greetings and Introductions

Initial questions from chair:

Do we need a vice chair? Meme

Is there a volunteer to act as recording secretary? Meme

Are there other venues in which meetings should/should not be held?

- Central meeting place – SHS/CTC Conference Room

Do we need some specific format for agenda and minutes?

- Steve to create agenda; parking lot items will be added to following month's agenda. Steve send to Brenda to format.
- Steve will create email distribution list for the committee.
- Capture general information and attendance

Agenda

Future Meeting Dates – Schedule through August 2015

- Goal: to report back to City Council in August 2015. Formal report in September 2015.
- Tue 12/2/14 1st meeting
- Tuesday evenings 6-8pm; SHS/CTC office conference room. Amy will book conference room.
- 4th Tues of month (generally)
- 1/6/15 and 1/27/15
- 2/24/15
- 3/31/15
- 4/28/15
- 5/26/15
- 6/23/15
- 7/28/15
- 8/25/15

Task Before Us – Discussion

- What is our goal?
 - Community listening opportunities?

- Valuable for parents, friends, medical personnel to tell their stories and the impact on them to the committee.
- Present ways Somersworth can deal with the crisis as a community.
- Provide guidance to city council
- Best chance of success is in educating the community: Eliminate demand to diminish supply.
- Education should start earlier (elementary school).
- Community Center for the community? Who/how to pay for it?
- NA and/or NA 12 step programs in community?
- **Adopt structure inviting speaker(s) and 1st half of meeting ask questions and use 2nd half to process information.**

Highlights of discussion:

- Conduct research
 - Raymond, NH has a coalition and has become a “model” for the area for the education, education through schools and sense of community. Maureen will reach out to contact and invite to a meeting.
- Who was represented at mayor’s forum? Steve wants to talk with mayor of Franklin, similar community—specifically with chair of Franklin’s drug task force.
- Contact Cory MacDonald in Portsmouth Police.
- 1st Jan meeting – Get Cory MacDonald (Capt. Krechmar)
- Steve get in touch with chair from Franklin committee; invite to a future meeting.
- 2nd Jan meeting – get Raymond rep (Maureen to contact)
- This Thursday Greg K interviewing Cory MacDonald on WHEB
- Develop list of resources for community; not necessarily recommendations but a list of resources. Mr. Vincent will collect list for next meeting.
- Provide open forum for folks to share their concerns and/or stories. Offer one in each of the schools (considered neutral territory). Not televised. Include school board members, reps from our committee, city council. May need to find a different option (Fillion Terrace, Flanagan Center). Possibly offer a few different venues.
- Many causes for starting and using drugs/alcohol/prescription drugs misuse.
- Education and promote healthy lifestyles
- Mental health assistance availability in the community? (state?)
- What resources are available?
- Support for law enforcement, first responders
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Potential Guest speakers/presenters – Discussion

Time and Action Schedule:

For 1/6/15	Meet with Cory MacDonald
For 1/27/15	Meet with Raymond rep
For 2/24/15	Solicit feedback from and/or meet with Merrimack River Medical Associates in Somersworth (Methadone Clinic).
By 5/26/15	Citizen’s Forum (??)
By 6/23/15	Begin formulating ideas for long-term strategies/recommendations

Additional Agenda Items:

Parking Lot:

Next Meeting: SHS/CTC Office Conference Room, January 6, 2015, 6-8 pm

Proposed Agenda:

Convene at 6:00 pm
Briefly review and accept minutes from December Meeting
Additional agenda items*
Presentation by Cory McDonald
Process McDonald presentation
 General discussion/questions
Adjourn at 8:00 pm

* Please get additional agenda items to Steve at least one week prior to meeting