

## Mahanoy Area Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

**Attendees:** Mary Lou Henninger, Paul Peca, Andrea Caulfield, Pam Tomko, Colleen Rhodes, Heather Berresford, Trinna Delia, Ana Granados, Brandy Paul, and Lisa Broomell

**Introductions:** members signed in.

### **Updates:**

Colleen Rhodes had the tip line stickers for the middle school students to be distributed. She also attended the Tree Ceremony in November. She did get some public feedback as well as questions regarding the Coalition.

Andrea Caulfield discussed some of the programs that were held in the school such as the "Live to Tell Program" and "Mind over Magic" Also discussed some possible upcoming programs from the Attorney General's office.

Pam Tomko reported that the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Training will be held in the spring with a date to be announced. She reported that there is a billboard regarding the penalties of parents hosting parties which is located by Mahanoy City with the Tip Line published on it as well. We discussed putting a copy of this billboard on the website. Ms. Tomko stated that out of 52 surveys that were sent out electronically that 12 were returned, six of which were from education. Results will be compiled and a report given.

Mrs. Henninger reported that the deadline for the drug testing papers is approaching (January 29, 2010). This date has been posted on the website and on the announcements. She will make sure that this date is again put on the announcements. Students who do not return by this date will be unable to participate in activities.

**Ways to Improve Coalition Attendance:** To continue to place meeting dates on service electric, in the newspaper, on the website, and send out email reminders. Also discussed, was sending home small announcements with the students. Mrs. Paul is going to work on the announcements.

**Prom Activities:** There is still no prom theme, however, we discussed bridging the gap between elementary and high school. Elementary students could draw pictures; write a poem, etc. with an anti-drinking/drugs theme to give to the seniors for prom. Mrs. Broomell will work together with Mrs. Evancho (looking at the possibility of 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders). Ms. Berresford is going to talk to Mrs. Filanowski regarding this project. Ana Granados, student representative, thought that this was a good idea because she thinks that seniors will look at the items from elementary students and it will have a greater impact on them.

**Next Meeting Date: February 8, 2010 at 3:00pm in the High School LGI Room.**