

Mahanoy Area Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2010

Attendees: Andrea Caulfield, Kate Orsulak, Trinna Delia, Cathy Stone, Heather Berresford, Jennifer Kern, Diane Rowland, Lisa Broomell, Kieran Cray, Ana Granados, Colleen Rhoades, and Carolyn Fishburn.

Updates: The Mahanoy Area Drug and Alcohol Coalition is having a table set up for the Safe Trick or Treat night on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Several members brought bags of candy to the meeting to be given out. More donations are still being sought. We appreciate all those who donated.

Diane Rowland and Kate Orsulak discussed the prescription drug give back program. There was one held in September, however, our area was not selected as a drop off site. We discussed having one in the spring in conjunction with some of the other Drug and Alcohol Coalitions in the area i.e. North Schuylkill, Minersville, Schuylkill Haven and Pottsville. Pottsville is forming a coalition and their kick off night is Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:00pm. Andrea Caulfield from the MA Drug and Alcohol Coalition and Mike Evans from the North Schuylkill Spartan Task Force will be in attendance to show support for their efforts.

Diane Rowland dropped off red ribbon supplies for elementary, middle and high school. Cathy Stone's SADD group will help with counting and other activities for that week. Red ribbon week is held from October 25-October 30.

Monday, October 25, 2010	Act 80 no school students
Tuesday, October 26, 2010	"Out Play Drugs" Students will wear their favorite sports team apparel
Wednesday, October 27, 2010	"Sock it to Drugs" Students will wear crazy socks
Thursday, October 28, 2010	"United We Stand Against Drugs" Students will wear Red, White and Blue
Friday, October 29, 2010	"Scare off Drugs" Students will wear dress code appropriate Halloween attire

Diane Rowland brought information regarding prescription drugs as she is working on presentations for MA parents. We watched the power point that she had put together and there were some suggestions such as add real-life scenarios, fines that are given out for crimes against prescription drugs, and other legal ramifications. Trinna Delia put together a pamphlet re: prescription drugs that we could utilize for parent handouts. We also discussed that there should probably be incentives offered for attending. For example the program that was just held regarding No Subject is Taboo, held at North Schuylkill only had about 20 attendees and there was no prize offered at this event. Members felt that if incentives were offered more may have come. She has a prescription drugs DVD that she will show the coalition next meeting which would be utilized for students in grades 9-12 and possible 7th and 8th grade. Cathy Stone had her SADD club preview the DVD and feedback was positive. Thank you for all your hard work!

Next Meeting Date: Next Meeting, Monday, November 8, 2010 at 2:45pm. Hope to see you there!