

# Mahanoy Area Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2010

## **Attendees:**

Andrea Caulfield, Kate Orsulak, Trinna Delia, Cathy Stone, Mickey Holland, Heather Berresford, James Stevens, Angela Morgan, Casey Moyer, Jennifer Kern, Mandy Fitzpatrick, and Diane Rowland

## **Introductions:**

Members signed in. Angela Morgan is from Clinical Outcomes Group and Mandy Fitzpatrick is with Schuylkill County Drug and Alcohol.

## **Updates:**

Kate Orsulak discussed Operation Medicine Cabinet which will be held on September 25, 2010 in which people can dispose of old prescriptions at local drop off sites. Once we receive more information then it will be distributed.

Andrea Caulfield talked about red ribbon week which is held from October 25-October 30. There is an Act 80 day on October 25 so the activities will actually begin on Tuesday. We discussed possible activities for that week. Cathy Stone will also hold a discussion with the SADD club also for other ideas as well. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Cathy Stone brought information that she received when she, Mrs. Caulfield, Mrs. Delia, Ms. Morgan, and two teachers from MA attended the Adolescent Brain Conference over the summer in which there was important information provided regarding tobacco usage, dangers, and how it greatly alters brain chemistry. She also discussed goals of the group that attended which included: revising the tobacco policy, getting the policy on the website, adding tobacco to the Sap assessment and checklists, and partnering with Clinical Outcomes group for tobacco cessation. Many of the goals are already completed or currently being worked on. Cathy Stone is going to get feedback from SADD members regarding Open House, the prescription drugs DVD, and about activities for the lock in event in the Spring.

Diane Rowland brought information regarding prescription drugs as she is working on presentations for MA parents as well as the student body. She has a prescription drugs DVD that she will show the coalition next meeting. Cathy Stone will also let her SADD club preview and give feedback as well. Coalition members will receive a copy of a power point presentation in which you can look over and either email Diane with comments or bring them to the next meeting.

## **Community Information:**

There is an event on October 11, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the North Schuylkill High School for people of Schuylkill County re: No Subject is Taboo. Information will also be provided at a later date regarding the details of this event.

**Next Meeting Date: Next Meeting, Tuesday October 12, 2010 at 2:45pm. Please note the date and time change. Hope to see you there!**