

14th Annual Coalition Meeting



September 30, 2020 - 5:30 to 6:30pm - Virtual Zoom Gathering

Agenda

5:30 PM - Welcome & Updates from staff

- **Select Board presentation:** Coalition staff presented to the Select Board on September 8, 2020. We received positive feedback from members, especially on our CIT program with Reading Police. The presentation is available on the coalition website.
- **Recovery Month:** On September 18, 2020, with the approval of the Command Team, we set up a table at Town Hall and distributed out 22 lawn signs and 16 doses of Narcan.
- **Police Fundraisers:** This October, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Reading Police Department will be wearing and selling pink Breast Cancer Awareness and purple Domestic Violence Awareness police patches. The money raised will be donated to the Tanner Ta Ta Foundation and RESPOND, Inc. Visit the Reading Police Department Facebook page to view the patches and learn how to make a purchase.
- **Wellness Videos with School Nurses/Health Educators:** Sammy worked with Mary Giuliana, Director of School Nurses and Megan Quinlan, RMHS Nurse to develop short videos for students enrolled in Mrs. Fiorello and Mrs. Hopkinson's classes on Fridays to ensure students are getting up to date info. The topic for this month was "Returning to School during COVID-19". Students were able to submit questions. We look forward to planning for next month.
- **Regional MassCALL3 grant:** Coalition staff have partnered with the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition, consisting of Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, Wakefield, and Winchester, to write an application for the MassCALL3 grant funding opportunity from the MA Department of Public Health. We hope to use this grant funding to continue to build upon and expand our regional work to address substance misuse and promote positive youth development.
- **Professional Development:**
 - Massachusetts Peer Sharing Network on Racial Equity & Coalition Work (Erica)
 - Methamphetamines 101 for Public Health, sponsored by HIDTA (Sammy)
- **Mental Health First Aid:** Staff provided four virtual sessions to certify 13 library staff from the Sawyer Free Library in Mental Health First Aid. Amy Lannon, RPL Director referred Gloucester to us.

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- **Med Return:** Through the Med Project, MA residents can easily request a free, pre-paid mail-back envelope sent directly to their home for safe and secure disposal of unwanted medications. Learn more at <https://med-project.org/locations/massachusetts/>
- **Narcan for RPS:** We secured a donation of 18 doses of Narcan for the school nurses from the Middlesex DA's Office.
- **Chemical Health Education Program:** We will host a class in October (virtual class planned).

5:45 PM - Group Discussion

- What Coalition accomplishment from the past year are you the proudest of?
- Where would you like to see the Coalition make more of an impact?
- Who is missing from our table?

6:15 pm- Coalition Youth Collective (CYC)

- Bring local teens together virtually to learn about leadership
- Provide a safe 'peer to peer' exchange and teen/adult learning
- Offer 7-minute leadership clinics from experts
- Understand community needs assessment
- Explore next steps for 'Youth on Board' (assist with matching trained youth leaders with adult groups, explore concept of a youth commission)

6:30 pm- Closing

Attachments:

- **Med Return Flyer**

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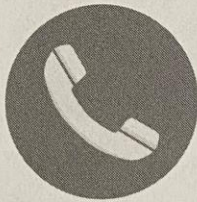
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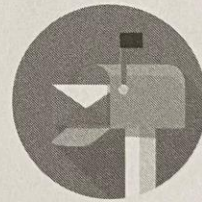
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