

RCASA Board of Directors



April 28, 2016

Call the meeting to order

“RCASA’s mission is to strategically address our substance abuse problem that youth in Reading, Massachusetts abuse alcohol, prescription drugs, tobacco, and other illegal drugs at unacceptably high rates that emerge early in adolescence, happen frequently, and indicate heavy use. To realize our mission, we will promote a healthy community environment using the strategic prevention framework to ensure everyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Reading can enjoy an optimum quality of life.”

CELEBRATE

Greg Grass was very impressed with our work as a coalition at our Federal site visit on April 12th. Special thank you to all of the board members and supporters that made time in their schedule to attend meetings, share their experiences, and entertain our guest. Your time and support was greatly appreciated by our staff!

FOCUS ITEMS

Board Discussion

- **Director’s Update:** Website transition, 18-month report for Drug Free Communities, 6month report for Project AWARE, Opioid Work, and Grant Opportunities
- **Marijuana Legalization: Long Overdue or Threat to Public Health, May 12th.** We need board members to attend. Board members may also consider if a separate task force or committee should be appointed to work on this issue for RCASA. Due to the federal funding our coalition receives, RCASA staff cannot participate in any lobbying initiatives. However, board members may meet without staff and engage in activities as long as federal resources are not used to support your efforts. Funds from the Reading Co-op account are allowable.
 - Staff can provide education on the issue but cannot comment on legislation or votes.
 - Staff can respond to request for information from legislators.
- **In Plain Site Exhibit- Burbank Y, Reading Police & RCASA to potentially collaborate:** Participants will tour a mock teenager’s bedroom highlighting factors that may indicate substance use, hidden in plain sight. Resources on substance use prevention and treatment will be available. Although this is an adult-only program, supervised young children may accompany an adult.

Save the date:

- Next RCASA Board meeting at Reading Police Department is **May 26, 2016 at 5:30 pm.**
- Friends and Family Day is June 11, 2016: **RCASA needs volunteers for our booth.**

Attachments:

1. Lobbying restrictions
2. MA Public Health Association Event
3. Wakefield Officers Assist with in Plain Sight

RESTRICTIONS ON RECIPIENT LOBBYING

(c) Title 18 > Part I > Chapter 93 > Section 1913: No part of the money appropriated by any enactment of Congress shall, in the absence of express authorization by Congress, be used directly or indirectly to pay for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or other device, intended or designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress, a jurisdiction, or an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation, whether before or after the introduction of any bill, measure, or resolution proposing such legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation; but this shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments or agencies from communicating to any such Member or official, at his/her request, or to Congress or such official, through the proper official channels, requests for any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriations which they deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business, or from making any communication whose prohibition by this section might, in the opinion of the Attorney General, violate the Constitution or interfere with the conduct of foreign policy, counter-intelligence, intelligence, or national security activities. Violations of this section shall constitute as a violation of section 1352(a) of title 31.