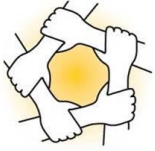


RCASA Board of Directors Meeting-June 28, 2018



**Reading
Coalition
Against
Substance
Abuse**

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."

SPOTLIGHTS

RCASA completed their Rotary Club of Reading sponsored project in June. Special thanks to Brian Snell for securing the \$500 donation, SRO Brian Lewis for helping with workshops, and John Doherty for Treasurer duties. Report attached.

FOCUS

1. Board Updates

a. Resignation of Elaine Webb, Board Vice-President

Thank you to Elaine for her many years of service to the Board as an advocate and member. We wish her well!

b. Nominating Committee needs to be appointed to review Board By-Laws and Board Membership (2-3 members needed, work can be done by email and phone with Director)

2. Welcome to THE BEAT HEART FOUNDATION, formerly Jams for Jake

a. John Oliver and guests to share highlights on their progress and 2nd Annual Jams for Jake event in August.

3. RCASA: What in a name?

a. A small group of board members will meet on July 26th at 5:30 pm in the RPD community room to review pros/cons of a possible name change while retaining the RCASA acronym. More detail in last month's board packet.

4. RCASA Annual Meeting scheduled for September 27, 2018 from 7-9pm at the RMHS PAC.

- a. Sherri VandenAkker to speak on managing addiction in the family.
- b. Other guest speaker or program suggestions?

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

- Hidden in Plain Site will take place in Sept. 2018, more details to follow. Burbank YMCA will co-sponsor the project. Special thanks to John Feudo.
- The visit from White House ONDCP Eval Team will not take place due to a conflict with scheduling. They wished us well and may contact us in the future.
- The 2nd Annual Jams Jake will be on Sat. August 4, 2018 at Symonds Field Learn more at <http://jamsforjake.com/>

Our next RCASA Board Meeting is August 30, 2018 from 5:30-6:30 pm