



*The mission of the Northampton Prevention Coalition is: "to collaboratively initiate, coordinate, and sustain prevention and intervention efforts that reduce teen substance use in the City of Northampton."*

**Agenda**

Welcome and Ice Breaker: What are you grateful for this week? Present: Ananda Lennox, David Newland, Jeff Harness, Melinda Calianos, Kristen Tirado, Laura Fallon, Diana Johanson, Kipp Armstrong

By Laws for Steering Committee Members: for review and discussion: Is everyone clear on who is the voting member of the committee? Yes, everyone is clear. Jeff wanted to know for further edification if he was not a voting member, could he still count towards quorum? I told him I would get back to him with an answer. We discussed how some sector representatives have not been able to attend the meetings and that I would be reaching out to them to see if they wanted to renew their commitment or step aside. Currently the youth sector is empty. Dave Newland said he would think about candidates to ask. I will ask TAG. We may want to approach FSB for the business sector. For youth serving organizations maybe a rep from the YMCA. Jeff offered to ask Julie Costello and/or Mr. Baker from the Y. I need to draft a letter for him this week. For the civic sector I explained that Jim was considering stepping down due to being stretched too thin. Jeff Harness agreed to take on that sector so that he can become a voting member ( he was formerly in health care with Diana Johanson who has voting rights). Dave Newland said he would send an email to Molly Feinstein about potentially joining the committee as a civic member as well.

NPC 12 Month Action Plan for 2016-2017: for review and discussion. We will be working to update this plan during our next meeting and via email. We had time to look through the STOP Act action plan. We removed the items that were completed such as the resources for LGBTQ students and SBIRT for JFK 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We discussed the format of the plan. We also went over how expensive CADCA is and how we were looking into more affordable, local options. Jeff asked if there was still an NHS newsletter- if so we could use this to increase parent outreach. Dave offered to speak with student Nell Sanders in regards to her weekly video production to get ideas on pitching ideas to students in a student savvy way. Kristen asked about Northampton parents and why they were so against penalties for substance use on school grounds when we discussed breathalyzers. Laura Fallon tried to explain the dynamics- how NHS's move to a social justice model was well-regarded and administration preferred discipline to be handled ( in regards to substances) by NPD. Laura Fallon suggested we put ads in religious bulletins to reach a broader range of parents and larger audience in general. Note- ask Michael Bardsley about this. We discussed fundraising for TAG to get to CADCA. Kristen suggested a can and bottle drive (good for environment). Casa Latina was mentioned as another group to connect with to reach more parents. What about JFK youth work asked Laura? Informed of new TAG jr starting in January. She suggested invited SOCA and GSA students to join it. Mentioned Photobooth activities planned at JFK too. Ananda explained how Compliance checks and server trainings worked and advocated for discontinuing shoulder-taps for they felt unsafe for students and made some patrons feel trapped.

2016 Retreat- Successes and Misses. Suggestions for next year- tabled for now.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Next Steering Committee Meeting is Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30pm in the NHS Board Room