



**Northampton
Prevention
Coalition**



Northampton Prevention Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Agenda

April 6th, 2018 9:30am – 10:30am

Northampton High School Board Room, Northampton, MA

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Topic	Time	Action to be Taken/Decision to be Made	Person responsible
Welcome	9:30-9:40am	Icebreaker and introductions: Kate Jopson, Ananda Lennox, Karen Pohlman, Rebecca Busanski, Laura Loisel, Jeff Harness, Kipp Armstrong, Alison McCleod, Heather Warner, Dave Newman, Carys Jackson, Diane Fedorachek	Ananda
City Council and recreational marijuana	9:40-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council Meeting dates for marijuana caps (attend if you can to advocate for caps to reduce youth exposure and prevent pricing wars and overtaxing agencies that oversee compliance of license holders): Dennis Bidwell proposed 10 licenses. No one spoke against the cap. Dave said cap is an insurance policy to keep # below 10. There will be more meetings. Heather advocated for a special permit that allows us to set regulations to allow us to do compliance checks and such because it is licensed at the state level. The board of health is pursuing this though. Kipp can set time to meet with Mayor and Heather can send him notes to help with meeting. Jeff suggests getting a group of us together. Ananda- ask mayor what he would do if pricing wars happen or happy hour? Heather says hard to prove. Rebecca- what is cap on liquor stores, Laurie- 17 currently. CCC allows 20% cap of liquor stores for marijuana retailers. What do we want to see and attract to our downtown? Kipp has talked to mayor about this. I don't want downtown to feel like a Grateful 	Kate/Ananda

		<p>Dead parking lot. Jeff- let's invite the mayor to a steering committee meeting (Ananda action item). Rebecca asked mayor about school committtee if there is a role School committee can play in caps and marijuana sales. Mayor doesn't even want liquor store caps and he doesn't want buffer zones increased. He did make it so you cannot put a mj store into a 'grandfathered in' location. He has no interest in school committee sending a letter. He is incredibly thoughtful about it. He seemed very knowledgable. Kipp worried mayor is too invested in the weeds and not seeing big picture. Get some aggragate data from Jody Kasper on what's happening with marijuana. Jody has recoded a lot of that data to track marijuana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday April 5th City Council • Monday April 9th Legislative Matters • Possibly one more committee (TBD) 	
Youth Engagement	10:00-10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Society • TAG introductions: Carys Jackson speaks on homeless project, help advertise what resources are out there such as shelters and soup kitchens and gift baskets for homeless persons. Carys has really stepped up as a TAG advocate. Heather try APE Gallery on Main Street, and YMCA, and Cooley Dickenson. Input on social norms, voice at table, anicdotal info from youth, people pay attention to youth so having you here is very important, how are youth experiencing this marijuana issue, what experience do you want to have when you go downtown? Thnik of ways that NOC can 	Ananda/All

		<p>help build your group up. At UMass we have a student wellness advisory board. Can we get two groups (TAG) and UMass together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Use of student time 	
Upcoming events	10:10-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podcasts updates: Susan Wallace, Aaron Pitrat, Kipp Armstrong, Seth Dunn, John Peterson, Sharon Saline, Sarah Buteux, and Kate Jopson. Purchased hosting for Podbean • Training Active Bystanders 4/24/18 @JFK Community Room 6:30-8:30pm • Updates from SC members: LL Resilience is playing Hatfield May 2nd for free; Sojourner truth catalog May 18th event ; Diane April 26th Medicated assisted treatments @ UMass in SUB 3-5pm; Healthy kids event at YMCA NPC could have a table April 21st 10:30-1pm Saturday. YMCA looking for teens for Camp Norwich and Camp Koala and gymnastics 16+ older. CIT program for 13 year olds. Heather May 22nd vaping with Melinda. • Next NPC SC meeting Monday May 7th, 6pm-7pm NHS Boardroom 	Ananda

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.”