**Present:** Kathy Gardner, Chariho Task Force**;** Shannon Spurlock, Rhode Island Prevention Resource Center**;** Lucy Gu, Graduate Assistant , CRST, University of Rhode**;** Dorothy Skierkowski, Graduate Assistant, CRST, University of Rhode Island**;** Paul Florin, URI, Statewide Evaluation**;** John Mattson, Warren Coalition **;** Annmarie Roy, Warren Coalition**;** Rebecca Elwell, Tiverton Prevention Coalition**;**  Nancy DeNuccio, Grant Manager, Tiverton**;** Terri Censabella, Chariho Coalition; Heidi Driscoll, South Kingstown**;**  Kathy Sullivan, Barrington Coalition; Felicia Smith, Pawtucket Program Coordinator**;** Berta Leon, Substance Abuse Services, Woonsocket Prevention Coalition; Lorraine Kaul, Coordinator Foster-Gloucester Task Force; Lisa Carcifero, Woonsocket Prevention Coalition; Laura Hosley, Project Manager, Central Falls, RISAS and Diane Dufresne, Pawtucket Prevention Coalition.

**BHDDH Staff:** Elizabeth Kretchman, Anna Meehan, Linda Barovier, Dorene King

**Meeting Agenda:** Community Updates on Goals and Work Performed, Evaluation, Partnerships for Success and Prevention Resource Center updates

Elizabeth calls the meeting to order and thanks everyone for coming and went over ground rules.

**Community Updates:**

**Kathy Sullivan, Barrington Coalition**, distributed Barrington Challenge: 26 cards with trivia questions and conversation starters regarding marijuana. The Cards have been sent out to families of 8th and 9th graders. (Not a huge response) She passed out the cards. The coalition has put together a package that includes the conversation cards, a game, and a feedback survey for the parents. Operation Parent magazine has displayed the cards. We’re providing a lot of other sources as well. The comedian/speaker/writer they brought in also taught leadership groups and held meetings with PTO. Health teachers are also aware of the cards and conversation starters. Teachers asked about information regarding e-cigarettes and we are also trying to educate on Hookah. We will send out our Spring Newsletter reminding students of the Social Host Law. The kids did a video and won so it was played at the Pawsox game. Booster Club finished prevention message. Operation handbook $10 per magazine…wonderful resource.

Delta 9 curriculum has been updated with the teachers.

Elizabeth responded she was at NASADAD and she highlighted the work of the Reducing Marijuana and Other Drug Initiative. NPN developing National Marijuana committee. Shannon will discuss further on how we can share recourses.

**Laura Hosley, Project Manager, Central Falls, RISAS;** we had a very productive quarter, owe a lot to Rosy Smith (RISS). We have a great respect for her because of her RISS experience and a great response form students and teachers. Eleventh graders did E-Check up. Life skills - tough to get in there. 3 Committed teachers ran it with alternative kids doing role play/engaged and took this as a pilot. They really liked it a lot. Do it in advisory next year and have it done by grade/ through mentoring with Providence.

**Felicia Smith, Program Coordinator, Pawtucket Prevention Coalition;** reported that she just finished four classes on Towards No **Drug Use**. Finished 1/2 Life Skill program and will incorporate into Health Class. Students are doing much better; they are showing up for classes and engaged. The classes are done, they had different guest speakers come in, and April – Health Fairs for schools- challenge – got a lot of help – Lifespan, Gateway, HIV providers, vendors...use people from Anchor Recovery to tell the story of recovery. These are drop-out kids, - with an amazing English teacher with ALP – We did RI survey – both schools did it during month of March. It was a passive parental form.

**John Mattson, Warren Prevention Coalition and Annmarie Roy, Warren Coalition;** 30 students started in December going to a conference re: Stand Up To Bullying and reported that Toward No Drug Abuse curriculum is going well. Coach facilitator is really into the program and gets kids involved in interesting discussion. There are 30 students participating in Life Skills; they are a tough group of students with “a lot of issues.” They won a video contest – CD will be played on 94HJY – (played the song) anti marijuana message in the lyrics. They will continue life skills, high risk kids so we did 2 focus groups - 1 with these kids and 1 with 11th and 12th graders… comparing attitudes –Because of the SEOW ..kids think of themselves as worst High School in the state – potentially all drop outs – met with teachers – all 9th graders went through program. We need the data to find out what’s going on.

Elizabeth said Mt Hope data will finally get into the Smart Track website by late June/July.

Survey – pre-prom dinner 35% of parents said it’s none of our business if they smoke marijuana; the culture there needs to be addressed. Parents’ attitude is worse. The teachers are having heroin issues with juniors and seniors. We’d like to start TND Curriculum in 7th & 8th grade. Health teachers want to see this curriculum in 10th grade. We want to keep adding every year.

At the Pre-Prom dinner, we distributed marijuana information. It was gathered that 40% of parents disagree with the fact that marijuana is harmful. Parents think that it is a waste of time for community to fight against marijuana.

On the other hand, with the Community Profiles out, concern parental group developed and it was also voted to address the marijuana problem at City Community Meetings.

**Lorraine Kaul, Coordinator Foster-Gloucester Task Force;** Campaign was asked to be extended – beyond life of grant – continue to present work Rural Youth Conference Focus, Amazing response form teachers, implementing programs. Next school year we are *adding* more Youth groups, life Sports, Art / survey is done big balloon structure. Sustainability focus – assestt builder programs on how we can keep it going. Paper survey

**Rebecca Elwell, Tiverton Prevention Coalition;** completed focus groups with High School / Marijuana is their daily drug of choice – alcohol is more like a treat. The 9th graders did not have a lot of information – stressing area is that they start at 6th and 7th grade. Follow up- worked on development for handbook for 8th grade parents with the focus on what teens think parents need to know – “Above the Influence” follow up on social norms campaign did a series of in school activities, design official logo with a new 9th grade student. Active in social media working on a mural for ‘Above the influence’ group wants to stay active for the summer. Finished with Life skills. We’d like to see the murals…

**Heidi Driscoll, South Kingstown Coalition;** is up and coming and super busy, RISS got accomplished – (1 box was damaged) with active consent forms (lost about 20 active consent forms). Prout was not included this year – ran incentive contest and slogan contest what would you tell a friend if they wanted to try marijuana – 2 winners “Weed Destroys Lawns and Lives” and “Be strong Drugs are wrong”. We went to a lot of community activities such as little league, slow pitch and passed out pamphlets – trying to get to kids who come in late for school. About 20 kids come to *Craft Club* – **very successful** how can we keep them busy? Boys love it, we do weekly craft or sometimes extend it to a couple of weeks. Above the Influence Campaign – 30 seniors taught lessen.. I am --------- self confidence, self worth etc. Everyone got to design a T-shirt that said I am -----------artistic or funny or anything they wanted to .. all different levels of kids. Our picture was in the paper. Focus groups on drugs, with 5th graders to see if there is much overlap with brand new curriculum.

**Kathy Gardner,** **Chariho Task Force;** 3rd Millennium program High School– any violations is required to take our class

Must take before they come back from expulsion We had 17 violations 3 alcohol wise 3 parent wise

Across the board, alcohol, heroin and marijuana – first year we had (candy laced meth) marijuana laced with methamphetamines. 2 kids went in an ambulance…kids are eating it – they tracked it to some adults went back into classroom – the candy was in the school for 2 weeks. There was pressure to try to get kids to take it. We talked about sharing problems like that with us in the Task Force. Class Action– Chris Herington had a 10th & 11th grade assembly which will be featured next Thursday PBS at 8:00 pm – During Town Hall meeting we met with 9-12 forum for parents communities – use C*orkery* house every 7th and 8th grader gets to see them. They came back and did small groups at the High School.

* Betsy asked if they are using the Recovery High School at all. The answer is #1 barrier is transportation.

Peer mentor program is successful, did a power point is a great way to show what kids did all year.

Montana Institute *Fit In Campaign* another *Positive Communities campaign* will be working with Shannon – Best training ever – Positive Communities Norms. Would like to start training in September – 3 day training

**Berta Leon, Woonsocket Substance Abuse Services;** update ATI Youth is ongoing meetings every other week – about 20 students spreading the word. On Valentines Day they sold carnations with a drug free message and got $250. Which they gave to the Sojourner House as a donation. ATI attended MAD Mocktail and won 3rd place. They created a *drug* *fact spinning wheel game* and did it during lunch time . They gave out beads and candy and had a lot of information about marijuana. Health teacher has implemented TND Curriculum made it part of her health class – next year whole school will have it. (also doing it for incoming 9th graders) We attended Chariho function, “The Great American Smoke out” and came up with a PSA for marijuana (the dangers of marijuana) – playing on WNRI. ESL High School reached out to her bringing it to ELL group in Spanish - Bring ATI to that group. Smart Track we will do at beginning of year instead of at the end of the year. The kids are too busy – this year we did it for the seniors. – Online – *passive consent form.*

Beacon – 250 students already did it in middle schools

**Betsy** – we will meet over the summer to make some changes in the survey

* Will there be considerations for communities that don’t have grants or money?

 Betsy will let you know. We’d love to see it go statewide but resources are a barrier

Lori – ATI goes through the summer with Movies In the Park and PSA will run video.

 RISS complain about being available in Spanish – the *Progresso Latino offered to translate*

**Paul Florin, URI, Statewide Evaluation;** **Lucy Gu, Graduate Assistant , CRST, University of Rhode; Dorothy Skierkowski, Graduate Assistant, CRST, University of Rhode Island;** is working on a pilot program– online SUV – he wrapped up Pilot study and is now looking at 3 different mechanism at how well we recruit people. Pilot partners were Tiverton, Chariho and Pontagansett

1. QR codes – Post cards, Tiverton High School had codes and also had booster as reminders every student in the HS received a Post cards.
2. Facebook – we targeted a 10 mile radius Pontagansett High School
3. Twitter – core group of students tweeted out the message

Response rated was;

20% QR post cards in Tiverton

10% Facebook

3% for Twitter(The contest was 3 weeks, 25 out of 27 responded first day)

IPad for the winners –

Need to streamline the surveys – most of people that reply to survey are non-users.

Above the Influence had a high recognition rate 75 – 100 %

Implement phase 2 – pilot study include urban schools and we are hoping to invite Woonsocket, Central Falls and Pawtucket to participate in the second phase.

The Ultimate goal is get a reasonable short survey – and evaluate whether it can be used in schools and institutions – If you can get survey results – Would you be willing to pay $500 to have this survey…think about it…there are costs to do this - Goal *experiencing another way* – Lucy and Dorothy were fabulous

**Shannon Spurlock, Rhode Island Prevention Resource Center;** Training will be provided on June 24th on focus groups – 2nd part of the day long training is on how to use our own data. These are free trainings can be used for certification

E-news June, asset building outside of RI presented over 400 people about Marijuana Initiative

Brag about RI funding

Prevention Advisory Community meeting again on Aug. 5th. Phase two of the website – made it more user friendly great place to share information – post questions to your colleagues. This will be a password protected portion of the website. **More** trainings in the fall

**Linda Barovior Partnership For Success;** Scope of Work has been developed, final award amounts, developing 5 year budget, we’re developing a new contract, looking at workbooks –

Question , what is Prevention Advisory Committee?

The PAC is a permanent committee on the Governor’s Council for Behavioral Health.

* + Governor’s Council is statutory.
	+ Governor’s Council is broader than BHDDH that includes many state agencies,providers and consumers of behavioral health services.

 The Chairperson is Sandra Del Sesto. PAC is planning to meet 4 times a year. Anyone can attend the meetings but only those formally nominated onto the Committee can vote. The goal of PAC is to make recommendations to the council that will go into the annual report to the Governor and to the federal government’s block grant. **ADD**: Strengthen and expand the prevention workforce in Rhode Island

Group’s Goals for the PAC: (All)

* Expand prevention beyond substance abuse prevention
* Integrated partnerships of prevention – in particular in funding and resource collaboration
* Bigger picture of prevention
* Be able to reach populations that have been hard to reach
* Improve data collection systems in Rhode Island; integrate systems for better evaluation
* Work on integrating silos (SAMHSA)
* Prevention within the roll-out of ACA and EOHHS
* Work to eliminate health disparities
* Reduce stigma around mental health and substance abuse disorders
* Increase availability of risk/harm reduction systems
* Systems that affect individuals, families, communities
* **Coordination and integration across departments, integrating different aspects of prevention**
* **Improved data gathering**

**Betsy** – reminded everyone that all outstanding invoices needs to be in no later than July 7, 2014

Next meeting is on September 26, 2014, 10-12pm at Barry Hall room 126.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dorene King