

RISAPA Coordinators Meeting
Warwick Public Library
September 9, 2015
11:00am-12:00 pm

Coordinator's In Attendance – Kathy Sullivan, Rebecca Elwell, Lori Verderosa, Kathy Yeager, Heidi Driscoll, Terri Censabella, Erika McCormick, Polly Allen, Obed Papp, Dan Nesmith, Diane Dufresne, Lisa Carcifero, Patricia Sweet, Pam Shayer, Jennifer Wall, Vernia Carter, Nancy Randall (NKPC Board member and Laura asked her to get more involved), Dina Heroux, Nancy DeNuccio, Alba Toribio (intern at Progreso Latino with Vernia) and Ben Ellcome.

Guests In Attendance- Shannon Spurlock (RIPRC), Christina Collins (Town of Jamestown fiscal), Anna Meehan (BHDDH), Steve Dean (BHDDH), Elizabeth Kretchman (BHDDH), Geri Guardino (DOH), Jennifer Wall (TFRI), Gina DeMarco (Northern RI Conservation District), Nancy Randall (North Kingstown Board Member), Alba Toribio (Progreso Latino Intern).

11:10am- Guest Presentations

1) Guest Welcoming & Logistics

- a) **Sign In Sheet**- guests were encouraged to sign in.
- b) **RISAPA Officers & Other Duties**- reviewed that RISAPA Officers would be voted on in October. In the meantime, if anyone would like anything to be added to the October agenda please let Jennifer know. It is a Coordinator's only meeting and guests are invited to the November 4th meeting.
- c) **Coordinator's Contact Sheet**- Kathy Yeager is keeping an updated spreadsheet of Prevention Coordinator's contact info. If anyone would like a copy they can contact her.
- d) **Meeting Schedule**- reviewed the schedule and said locations will be at Warwick Public Library unless otherwise noted. Once the location has been confirmed, Jennifer will email out an updated schedule.

2) BHDDH Report- *Elizabeth Kretchman and Anna Meehan*

- Today is Anna's Last Day- good luck to her. She is moving to Washington D.C. with her husband who recently found a job there.
- BHDDH has been selected to hire another fellow. Interviews are in the process, with a projected start date of Tuesday, September 15th. Their first job will be to develop a handbook for the Impact System.

- There will possibly be another more advanced training for Impact due to loud noises and inability to hear everything on the phone during August trainings. It will be workshop based. Coalitions will have until October 31st to enter information. Please contact Mosaix customer service if you are experiencing difficulties and refer to the User Manual. Begin familiarizing yourself (entering in coalition member info, etc) with the new reporting system until BHDDH holds next Impact webinar which may be specific to RISAPA, PFS communities. Elizabeth will send out a follow-up email with more instructions.
 - BHDDH is developing a Strategic Plan, prevention is within its mission and vision. Elizabeth is advocating for prevention to be included even more in the strategic plan. There is another Prevention Advisory Committee Sept 30 10-12, Barry Hall 126.
 - MOD communities are wrapping up with their grant funding and they will have possible continuance of funding with focus on prescription drugs. The RFP process is still to be decided but BHDDH would like to sustain the capacity that was already built.
 - Bette McCugh urges all Prevention Coordinators to speak to their police Departments about completing the Synar Survey. In order to receive Block Grant funding we need to be in compliance. Only two communities have completed and submitted so far. 48% of Block Grant funding is currently spent on prevention and only 20% is required. Prevention is under the microscope and a lot of other people in treatment and recovery would like funding to fill in gaps in service.
 - Sept 24 Webinar on Marijuana, Kathy Sullivan will be a presenter. This is a national webinar. All are encouraged to participate.
 - BHDDH website is being updated to include more prevention materials and to make it easier to find contact info for prevention coalitions.
- 3) Northern RI Conservation District Proper Drug Disposal Discussion- Gina DeMarco
- Gina is from the Northern RI Conservation District and has partnered with the Scituate Coalition on making the public aware of proper disposal.
 - Their goal is to protect water quality. Coming at it from a different angle. When drugs are disposed of by flushing down drains, water facilities do not extract medications from the water supply. *See attached documents she handed out for more info.
 - They have several sites throughout RI and information can go out everywhere. Are willing to include link to document that has all drug disposal locations on it. If anyone has anything specific they want to go out, email Gina Demarco at gdemarco.nricd@gmail.com

- 4) Prevention Resource Center Report- Shannon Spurlock
 - Focus for this year is on work force development and sustainability. All trainings based on needs assessment. Health Equity will be focused on also.
 - Will assist with prep for certification exam. PRC has designed a Manuel. Distribution will be electronic.
 - Coordinators are encouraged to continue using the provider portal. More activities will be added, including student assistance.

- 5) RI Department of Health (DOH)- Geri Guardino
 - Competitive Grants were awarded to 4 communities. The other youth based rfp has not been awarded yet.
 - A new STARS training , which is a tobacco retail observation survey, a national tool, is now in place and available. May possibly have a training on it coming up.
 - Please continue to invite DOH to Task force meetings. Willing to present. Share materials, provide letters of support, etc. Very invested in supporting community level policy development and implementation. Use DOH as a resource.

- 6) Tobacco Free RI – Jennifer Wall
 - If you want to receive emails keeping you up-to-date on tobacco policies, research, etc contact Jennifer. An introductory email just went out yesterday.
 - If you would like to become a community partner organization, TFRI is always recruiting. No fee and only required to meet once a year. All other workgroups are up to the individual/organization if they would like to participate in.
 - TFRI Annual Meeting- save the date- Friday October 30th. Warwick Public Library. 9:15-11:30am.

Next scheduled RISAPA Coordinators Meeting: October 7th, 9:30-11:30am, Warwick Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm