

Annapolis Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Annapolis Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition was called to order at 12:00 pm on March 21, 2017 at the Annapolis Police Department by ASAP coalition members.

Present

Total: Attendees

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**Meeting Agenda Attached*

Approval of Minutes

All attendee's approval of February Coalition Meeting.

Meeting Discussion

12:00 – 12:05pm: Presenter Introductions

Each member stated their name and affiliated organization/sector. (Due to unexpected lack of time, presenters introduced themselves before speaking)

12:05 – 12:15pm: Strategic Planning and the Selected Strategies

Briefly discussed the chosen 4 strategies on the updated strategic plan; which are enforcement, social access, retail access, perceived risk of harm.

12:15 – 12:30pm: Social Host and Compliance Check Best Practices

Explanation of Maryland Collaborative

Access Alcohol Consumption – majority of alcohol consumed by adults or youth is binge drinking. Access alcohol consumption also includes any drinking. Clear majority of youth get their alcohol from social sources. Minors drinking alcohol in your home currently is a criminal law.

A Social Host Law – law that many communities have adopted. Baltimore City (adopted originally in UMBC and Towson and then expanded as other people saw their progress), Baltimore county, and Princess Anne. So far, they've seen promising results especially with reductions at college parties on campuses.

A social host law allows an officer to write a civil citation (like a speeding ticket) for various reasons such as hosting underage drinking parties, consuming alcohol under age, and even noise violations.

Social Penalties (Up to the community) – Graduated fines that start at a lower fine and slowly increase based on repeated offenses. The recommendation for the amount to start with is to find a "sweet spot". In Baltimore City,

they started with a \$500 penalty, increases to a \$1,000 if repeated offense within the first year. In Baltimore County, the community has agreed to give the first offender an option of a \$250 fine or community service. **Is ASAP ready for this strategy yet?** Strategic Planning Committee agreed that the Annapolis Community is not currently ready for social policy change, but agreed to keep it as a long-term goal once our community readiness score increases to the appropriate level for policy changes.

Compliance Checks – (Current strategy) Checks made with retailers regarding illegal access given to youth obtaining alcohol. All strategies are evidence based. Combing compliance checks with a media campaign has been proven to be effective in other communities who are currently using these evidence-based strategies. The frequency recommend is to complete compliance checks every 3-4 months. Support from the agencies are vital in the compliance checks being taken seriously.

Brief Explanation of the 10 Steps to Policy Change

Questions/Comments from Members

- During Prom season, educate limo companies that allow alcohol to and from prom. (Include in the Social Host Law, along with motels/hotels).
- Funding plays a huge role as well in seeing progress happen. (Funding has been given before by High School safety or the PTA)
- Is an ordinance such as a Social Host Law easier to pass than a bill? By gathering evidence, highlighting the community need, and being able to make the argument of the importance of the ordinance, it can be easier, but still needs to go through City Council.

12:30 – 12:50pm: OMPP Strategy Update

1st Strategy: Community presentations regarding opioid awareness and overdoses.

County executive office wants to offer the presentation to all county employees. Department heads have sent out the proclamation declaring March as opioid awareness and overdose month.

2nd Strategy: Guides for doctors and pharmacist also have been completed and will probably roll out within the next month.

3rd Strategy: Denial is deadly. Visit the preventionsubstanceabuse.org website to gain more information.

12:50 – 12:55 PM Fake ID Training

Made coalition members aware that this is one of our strategies for our Retail Access variable: Use of Fake ID's.

12:55 – 1:00 PM Closing and Upcoming Dates

Still in need of a chair and co-chair for the ASAP coalition

Annapolis Police Department Event – Bates Middle

ASAP Table Volunteers for Not My Child Event (4/18 and 4/20)

The **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** is **April 20, 2017**, at 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, at The Phoenix Center. Address: 1411 Cedar Park Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401. All members are welcome, and we encourage anyone to get further involved.

The next **ASAP COALITION MEETING** is on **April 18, 2017** at 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM at the Annapolis Police Department in the Education & Training Room. Address: 199 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401. *There is EXTRA parking in the parking garage to the left of the APD building.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Goodness for Fit (Small groups)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM by ASAP coalition members.

Minutes submitted by: Izelle Van Zuylen

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