

Belchertown Opioid Awareness Task Force

Date: March 8, 2019 - 9am

Present: Jill Panto, Carrie Latulippe, Neil Lozier, Kevin Pacunas, Jay Krol, Judy Metcalf, Kim Dion, Nehr Jenkins, Gail Gramarossa

Absent: Phyllis Ducomb



Topic	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible
Approval of Minutes		Motion: Jill Panto 2 nd : Kim Dion Vote: 5-0-1	
DART report out	1 overdose since last report		
BPD "Open Doors" update	Suggestion of further outreach-Hope United Methodist Church's monthly dinner. Could volunteer to serve and present program. We could also reach out to the other churches to see what outreach could be done through them.		
Discuss BCTV filming of "hidden in plain sight" presentation	Tabled		
Sentinel column report out	Kim recently submitted		
Public/parent drug use recognition training - set date	An Open Door column is being written		
QHSJA - SAMSHA Prevention Grant application - local support request	Peter Buck is being contacted : April 29, 30, May 6 or 7 (6pm-8pm)	Lynn Lyons presentation on anxiety? Info tables/Narcan training?	
	Grant up to 5 years/up to \$300k/year. Ware would be lead agency/fiscal agent, with target age range from 9-20. Intended to build infrastructure for prevention - most likely alcohol, marijuana & nicotine.	Would fund SAMSHA-approved "strategic prevention framework" such as "keeping it real", a 10 week, 45 minute class in schools - modern DARE	Letter of support will be signed by Chairman or Vice Chair and returned to Nehr.
New PSA - Prevention, begin planning	Open door		
For the good of the order	Discussed writing a letter to encourage legislators to support change in law to allow first responders to distribute Narcan.	Also ask the Mass. Chiefs of Police to follow suit: "we feel that your group can have a big impact."	

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 9am
 *Discuss charge/mission statement

Minutes accepted on 1/24/2020

Votes: 6-0-3

Janto