

BOAT – April 11, 2017 Meeting Notes



Present: Craig Bodamer, Jay Krol, Phyllis Ducomb, Kim Dion, Kevin Pacunas, Archie Archible, Jill Panto

Discussion took place regarding local communities, and their prevention, awareness and harm reduction activities.

- There was a Ludlow after school program that invited recoverees and parents of those with substance use disorders to tell their stories.
- Ludlow PD does NOT carry Narcan.
- Kim will be presenting Harm Reduction info to police departments in 7 local communities for Hampshire HOPE.

The Good Sam PSA is all ready to be scheduled.

Those attending agreed to be reappointed to a one year term beginning on July 1, 2017.

Kevin has the next "Sentinel" column nearly finished. Craig will write the June column.

BOAT web page: Jill will add the Dr. Potee presentation video to our page. We will also add our columns, and the BSAS overdose prevention messages. We will add a link to the Mass. Addiction Recovery Software, Inc. (MARS1.org) page, which has real time treatment bed openings available. We need to promote BOAT page.

Belchertown Public Schools progress/programming/prevention:

- Life Skills programming will be expanded to grades 4-5-6 at BPS, under an Attorney General grant award.
- BHS athletics participants are shown Dr. Potee's video for student athletes each year.
- Grades 7 & 8 has Phys Ed/Health classes for 10 weeks. There is some discussion on drugs there. We would like to get a better handle on what is presented. Shawn Fortin seems to be the appropriate contact for that discussion, and/or perhaps the Superintendent.
- Spiffy results will be available in September, illustrating substance use by students.

We discussed offering free Narcan training to local restaurants, with doses given out to participants. Perhaps we could hold it on one night at Town Hall.

DPH allows teachers to be trained on Narcan, but doses cannot be distributed to teachers for the classroom.

We hope to plan a discussion with Superintendent Coffin in the near future.

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Jill M Panto