

Belchertown Addiction Awareness Group

June 7, 2016 meeting: 9am



Present: Craig Bodamer, Pastor Liza Knapp, Jason Kroll, Archie Archible, Jill Panto, Kim Dion, Kevin Pacunas. Phyllis Ducomb arrived a little later.

The last meeting was reviewed for those who were not present.

The Mass. Health Promotion Clearinghouse catalog (pertaining to substance use) was passed out. Members will review and suggest items they think we should order at the next meeting.

We continued discussion on putting together a one-page reference document to include naran training sites, drug and/or needle disposal, Hepatitis C risk, maybe Section 35? We will perhaps include Tapestry Health information...

Strengthening Families training was discussed. Easthampton may be offering it, and Jill will look into that. The website for the program states that training is \$3,700 for 16 or less participants.

Pharmacists, doctors and dentists in Belchertown will be invited to a future meeting to discuss prescribing practices for opioid pain killers.

Jay Krol will investigate what area School Resource Officers are doing in their schools for prevention.

Motivational Interviewing and peer discussion tactics were discussed. Perhaps students could be taught how to discuss drug use with their peers who are experimenting.

The BHS and JBMS Principals and the Superintendent will be invited to the next meeting.

Things to discuss with the Superintendent/Principals:

- Student Police Academy – elective? Includes education on substances.
- Bring in local speakers (in recovery & parent) to tell their stories. (lunch block?) Have English or Social Studies Dept incorporate into class time with a corresponding assignment to ensure that the kids are considering what they've heard. (We could possibly hold a prior presentation at the BUCC, in order to establish a comfort level for school administration.
- Discuss having naloxone more accessible for after hours events, and more than one dose per school.
- Collaboration with SADD and the Humanities club for awareness.

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