

DRUG TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2016 – 5:00 PM

Selectmen's Hearing Room – Marshfield Town Hall

DTF Members: Al Driscoll, Andrew Briere, Louis Cipullo, Dick Stetson, Julie Adams, Julie Keohane, Arthur Shaw, Mark MacDonald, Matthew McDonough, Meg Broughton, Mike Bradley, Phil Tavares, Robert Galvin, Brian Tingley, Stace English, Stephen Mulligan, Tom Sullivan, Tricia Bolger, William Hocking.

Guest Speaker: Guest Speaker, Matt Sullivan

Police and Fire Update

Tom Sullivan opened the meeting at 5:00pm to welcome the group and review the meeting objectives.

Police Chief Tavares and Stephen Mulligan both provided a brief Police update. Since June of 2016, Narcan was administered 1x by MPD and 4x by MFD, successfully. This is a decrease from recent months. Discussion around a recent apprehension of a corrupt Dr. in Marshfield.

Chief Tavares also informed the group that Jen Cantwell, a member of Marshfield FACTS (formerly Friends of Marshfield SADD), has expressed interest in helping the Drug Task Force.

DTF Facebook Page

A subcommittee has been formed for the creation of our DTF Facebook page to include Meg Broughton, Julie Keohane and Danny. The new Facebook page is a work in progress.

A logo is needed – will be created from the Town of Marshfield logo, with “Drug Task Force Committee” to be added.

A website is in the works as well. Tom Sullivan to work with Town Hall to obtain a page/link and to make updates himself. Also hoping to get on middle school calling system to inform students of appropriate upcoming meetings.

Overdose Awareness Month (August)

The Marshfield Coalition Against Heroin and Opiates is leading an Overdose Awareness Vigil on August 31st at 5:30pm. The Marshfield Drug Task Force to support their efforts.

Julie has received commitment from Sean Merrill of Teen Challenge New England, Pat Cronin of No First Time, John Green of the Evan Foundation, Billy of Heroine is Killing our Town. *Sean Merrill, Pat Cronin and John Green to all have information tables at the Vigil.

Jim Fitzgerald to help provide and hang signage around the town.

There has been outreach to spiritual leaders, Superintendent of Schools, and treatment providers for support.

Kiwanis is providing flags for us. We have 1250 flags from last year and need a total of 1379 for this year.

The night prior to the event (August 30th), all Task Force Members are to come and help set up flags, etc.

Thoughts around creating a clothes line or bulletin board with pictures of family members who have passed.

Coalition is in the process of having tee shirts' made and sold. Proceeds to possibly go towards the Evan Foundation.

Request sent to Rocco for permission to use the area for the vigil, and also for A/V needs (podium, tables, etc.)

Articles Written

Articles to be written by Al Driscoll, Julie Adams, and Stace English for the Marshfield Mariner. Articles need to be submitted to Tom Sullivan by next week (on/around July 20th).

Guest Speaker Matt Sullivan, Founder of YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Matt Sullivan is the co-owner of MADD Bootcamp, located on Rte. 139.

Matt is a recovered alcoholic with 10 years of sobriety. He is a frequent guest speaker and is the founder of newly created "YOU ARE NOT ALONE", a support group dedicated to anyone affected by addiction who wants or needs help.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE meetings will start in September of 2016. They will be one hour meetings and are open to anyone. These one-hour meetings are designed to be a local support and informational group for addicts, friends and family and are to help addicts get help and how to start. Each meeting will have a guest speaker.

Dates/Location of these meetings is still TBD, but likely to be in Marshfield every other Wednesday night at 6:30 or 7:00pm.

Upcoming Events (Aug-Sept)

- **August 3, 2016** Next Drug Task Force Meeting scheduled for 5:00pm in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, Marshfield Town Hall
- **August 30, 2016:** Dr. Daniel Muse at Furnace Brook Middle School Auditorium 7:00 PM speaking on concussions, sports injuries, prescription pain medication and opioid addiction - all youth sports coaches encouraged to attend
- **August 31, 2016:** Overdose Awareness Vigil at Marshfield Town Hall, 5:30pm
- **September 17, 2016:** North Community Church Rib Cook Off at VFW Hall on 3A
- **September 18, 2016:** Clubbing Out Addiction Golf Tournament at Squirrel Run in Plymouth. Hosted by Marshfield Kiwanis. In need of corporate sponsors, specifically: An Ambulance Service Company, Insurance Company, Bank. Also in need of small business owner sponsors. There will be a 9th hole field of memories. See www.oneclubgolf.com
- **September 19, 2016:** Marshfield FACTS Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Seth Ventress Auditorium
- **September 28, 2016:** Youth Health Connection 6th Annual Prevention of Underage Drinking and Substance Use Conference at Lombardo's in Randolph
- **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** – bimonthly meetings in Marshfield are (time/location TBD)

Open Discussion

Tom Sullivan discussed upcoming events and encouraged members of the DTF to attend.

The town Library to set up a permanent in plain sight exhibit with regular tours and information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Bolger, Secretary

Marshfield Drug Task Force

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