DRUG TASK FORCE Meeting Minutes March 1, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Selectmen's Hearing Room – Marshfield Town Hall

<u>DTF Members</u>: 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.

<u>DTF Members in Attendance</u>: Don Regan, Julie Keohane, Meg Broughton, Tricia Bolger, Bud Cipullo, Arthur Shaw, Mary Price, Alex Driscoll, Cara Contos, David Cedrone, Sean Leary, Andrew Briere

Guest Speaker: n/a

Police and Fire Update

There have been 3 ODs since our last meeting, all with positive outcomes. One was in Carver but outreach was successful w/ the help of Gosnold. The person agreed to get help.

The Outreach program is working very well.

However, NARCAN has a short life and patients can re-OD when the medication wears off.

NARCAN also can't be left in a car – if it freezes or overheats, it won't work.

*This could be a good opportunity for a public service announcement. Sean Leary of Marshfield TV was in attendance. He partners with the police department and offered to work with us as well. <u>sleary@marshfieldtv.org</u>

DTF Donation Fund

We briefly discussed that we have approximately \$1400 remaining in the budget (after sponsoring two events). We talked about creating a short-term budget (perhaps \$500/quarter to go through the remaining of the year). There was a recommendation to sponsor an upcoming Vest a Dog event but after initial discussion, it was determined that this falls outside of our area – not all dogs are dogs working with substance abuse. This was a loose conversation that needs further discussion and decisions.

DTF Event

We had some initial conversations around considering hosting a DTF event. Not necessarily a vigil but an awareness campaign to take place in the spring (May-June timeframe). We came up with suggested ideas for speakers (perhaps the Wahlberg Foundation, Charlie Yetman?). This was a loose conversation that needs further discussion and decisions.

Drinking and Driving, Alcoholism

We had it as a topic of discussion from last month to expand coverage topics to include more information around Drinking and Driving, Alcoholism. We talked about the possibility of creating an awareness campaign around St. Patrick's Day. Initial feedback was that we don't have much of a problem around St. Patrick's Day and the 5K. Every restaurant in town offers free non-alcoholic drinks to designated drivers. There was suggestion around possibly renting a speed radar on Rte 139. Initial feedback was that this would be too difficult and expensive to do – and not entirely necessary.

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Open Discussion

- The Andrew House in Stoughton was suggested as a recommended detox Center.
- <u>Learn to Cope</u> (LTC) Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MADPH), LTC has grown to have a full-staff who collaborate with communities across the state to spread messages of prevention, education, awareness and advocacy.
- Recommended non-denominational church with many followers who are in recovery: <u>New Hope</u>
 <u>Chapel in Plymouth</u>
- <u>Hope Floats</u> located in Kingston, MA is a bereavement and educational center for individuals and families who are grieving or facing other life challenges.
- Magical Moon Farm has offered for us to use their space for a fundraiser
- <u>Hand Delivered Hope Boston</u> provides Caring, helpful, organized, respectful help for so many effected by the drug epidemic or living on the streets
- No one is doing Heroin anymore, it's predominately Fentanyl. New NARCAN is easier to use and faster. More concentrated. Attend the free training on March 23rd if possible. NARCAN will soon be in all schools in Marshfield.
- Hand in Hope in Quincy (need URL)
- New Wave Recovery for Siblings (need URL)
- Meg spoke to Wayne Lopes regarding having his son Manny's name included on the informational rack cards. Although Wayne is elated that the monies donated to MDTF in his son's name is being put to good use, out of respect for Manny, he would prefer that we do not include his name.
- SLO is for Saving Loved Ones, is a program Marc MacDonald began, he was the 1st business in Massachusetts to train and arm his employees with Narcan.

Upcoming Events (April-June)

- March 8th "If Only" movie produced by James Wahlberg, <u>showing in Easton</u>
- March 16th The Police Chief is talking to kids about safety at the Prom
- March 23rd Marshfield FACTS NARCAN Training (South Ventress Bldg)
- March 29th <u>ScituateFACTS The Effect of Substance Use on Teen Brain Development</u>
- April 10th <u>ScituateFACTS Teen Brain Marijuana Education</u>
- April 24th <u>Marshfield FACTS meeting</u>
- April 29th <u>Comedy Night to Benefit Twloha</u>
- May 15th Marshfield FACTS meeting
- June 12th Marshfield FACTS meeting
- June 12th <u>Teen Challenge Golf Tournament</u>

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Housekeeping Items

- Double-check to ensure Julie K is on the email distribution list seems to no longer get the emails
- Tricia, Julie and Tom to all cc Mike Bradley in all emails

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tricia Bolger, Secretary Marshfield Drug Task Force

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