

Dedham Substance Abuse Coalition

Minutes of meeting March 8, 2016

Attending: Jessica Gardner, Fallon Ambulance, Chief Spillane, Michael Butler, Janet Whelton, Amy Thomas, Gail Kelley, Susan Fay....Deb Anderson

Jessica Gardner called meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Deb gave update on banner purchase from state as part of "No stigma" campaign. Plan is to get 3: one for Police Station, one for Park and Rec, and one for special events. A design was passed around.

The "If Only" film presentation on Wednesday April 27 will be held at the Middle School. DMS has been reserved from 5:00 - 9:30 pm. Vendors will arrive at 5:00 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The film will begin at 6 :00 p.m. with the panel discussion to follow. The panel will include a young person, Joe, in recovery, Colleen Labell RN, and Dr. Laura Kehoe MD. Amy also suggested having a representative from a alocal recovery high school.

Advertising will include: a flyer distributed through the schools, as well as local papers and social media.

It was suggested that SADD members from DHS might be willing to volunteer. Susan will get some estimates for providing dinner for the vendors and general refreshments.

It was determined that the SAC should take some time during evening to promote group. Mike suggested also having a powerpoint - perhaps before the movie.

Order of events: SAC presentation and introduction

Panel: focusing on signs of use, addiction as disease, no stigma ( no discussion focused on loss)

Film

Goals: Awareness for families potentially affected in future  
Resources/info for families involved in recovery

Mike suggested having palnning wrapped up by 3/25/16.

Meeting was adjourned.

