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Portland Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 25th, 3:00-4:30
Portland Arts and Technology High School

Present:

Jim Bourque, Vice President, Nappi Distributors
Sergeant Charles Libby, Portland Police Department
Sargeant Andrew Hutchings, Community Services, Portland Police Department
Ellen Popenoe, Portland Parent, Neuropsychologist
Caroline Raymond, Director, Day One
Sue Steele, Safe and Drug Free School Coordinator, Portland Public Schools
Joanne West, Program Manager, Day One
Jo Morrissey, Project Manager, 21 Reasons
Carol Swicker, Project Manager, 21 Reasons
Sarah Kinsler, Project Assistant, 21 Reasons

Absent:

Stephanie Duggan, Coordinator of Diversion and Rehabilitation Programs, District Attorney's Office
Amanda Edgar, Community Health Promotion Specialist, Portland Health and Human Services
Mary Greenvall, Program Director, Boys and Girls Club Southern ME
Tom Handel, Executive Director, Community Television Network
Abby Hudson, student, Portland High School
Bruce Koharian, Teacher, Deering HS
Dr. Bankole Kolawole, Project Director, Minority Health Program
Leslie LaFrance, Education Program Manager, SARSSM
Sister Patricia Pora, Director, Hispanic Outreach – Diocese of Portland
Officer Ray Ruby, Portland Police Department
Christine Thibeault, Assistant District Attorney, Chief, Juvenile Division
Soni Waterman, Director, Youth Building Alternatives, Learning Works
Jeanne Whynot-Vickers, Director of Educational Excellence, Learning Works

I. Opening

- a) Jo reviewed the agenda and performed introductions.
- b) Jo alerted the group to exciting work 21 Reasons staff have been engaged in since April's Steering Committee meeting. Specifically, 21 Reasons will soon submit applications for two national awards! The first, Got Outcomes, is offered by CADCA and focuses on our impact at the community level. The second, the 2011 Exemplary Awards, is offered by the National

Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), and focuses on our use of the Strategic Prevention Framework.

II. Governance

- a) Sarah reviewed the Sustainability Plan with the group. The group discussed possible changes and possible options for sustainability going forward:
 - Sue suggested the possibility of merging with another organization that could provide permanent funding and support.

III. Operations

- a) Coalition activities updates:
 - New policing unit starts Tuesday, headed by Sgt. Libby. Andy is the new Community Services Sergeant.
 - Portland recently passed a revised version of the “disorderly house” ordinances: the threshold for labeling a property a Disorderly House (depends on the number of units in the property). Carol and Chuck explained the revised ordinances will help the city and PD work with landlords to improve polices and prevent illegal and high-risk drinking in local rentals.
 - Carol has been exploring possible work with Portland’s immigrant and refugee communities through the STOP grant, particularly the possibility of translating Responsible Beverage Seller materials or trainings for local businesses owned by folks who may not be native English speakers or readers.
- b) Coalition membership update:
 - Katie Small, a social worker at PHS, is very excited and will probably join an action team.
 - Jeanne Whynot-Vickers is very busy and often can’t make meetings. She will remain in an advisory capacity. Jo will connect with LearningWorks again this summer to explore opportunities for collaboration – possibly using our training for adults who work with youth, The Game.
- c) Coming up this fall:
 - Legislative breakfast in mid-September. Great opportunity to meet local legislators. As we move forward, we’re working on moving some alcohol-related bills through the Health and Human Services Committee instead of Criminal Justice/Public Safety or Veterans and Legal Affairs.
 - Chalk it Up. Statewide, other DFC coalitions want to coordinate.
 - Parent presentations at freshman orientations for all three Portland high schools.

Closing: Check out Be The Wall (BeTheWall.org), a very cool Florida-based campaign Jo recently came across.

NOTE UPDATES:

FUTURE Meeting Dates for 2011.

All meetings held on Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 at PATHS unless otherwise marked:

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