



# GATHER/GTHHSC Substance Abuse Committee 7/19/06, 3:30, CCBC



The GATHER/GTHHSC Substance Abuse Committee addresses health and social issues in the Greater Attleboro/Taunton communities resulting from substance abuse. This is accomplished by coordinating with existing community resources to heighten public awareness and to develop programs to prevent, reduce and treat substance abuse.

Attendees: Deb Brown (TPS), Dawn DeCosta (YMCA), Arlene Dickinson (South Bay Mental Health), Kelley Mann (CCBC), Jonathan Marcus (CCBC), Michael Meleedy (CCBC), Lorraine Rosa (Staff)

## Discussion Highlights:

**GTHHSC/GATHER Planning Committee Update** – The kick-off meeting and GTHHSC annual meeting will combine for a single event on **10/26/06**, 8:30-10:00, at Epoch Assisted Living of Norton, 190 Mansfield Ave. Each area coalition or committee is asked to bring one sheet of information about their committee and membership, as well as a visual, tri-fold poster to display. The new organization chart shows coalitions and committees as spokes of a wheel.

**YMCA of North Attleboro** is a youth serving organization with teens that may be interested in connecting with Project YELL compliance checks, networking, and sharing data and information. The YMCA allows groups to come and see the programs offered.

**Orientation Packet** – A Committee informational packet needs to be updated and shared with members to help them become part of the GTHHSC and CHNA#24. Suggested items to include are a membership roster, newsletter and organizational chart.

## **Project YELL (Youth Endorsing Legal Lifestyles):**

- **Budget** has been resubmitted and accepted for 10/06-9/07.

- **Progress Reports** will be submitted twice per year. A Comet (reporting software) training was conducted via internet and phone access. A 135 page instructional booklet provides a logic model (previous questions must be completed before moving to the next) process. Lorraine, Carol, Deb and Jonathan attended. Persons with access also include SAC co-chairs. The system facilitates better communication with the federal project director, so information is forwarded from Project YELL, as well as reports and other information may be received.
- **4 Core Measures** to access effectiveness include past 30 day use, age of onset, perception of risk, perception of parental disapproval. Questions are available on the web for Drug Free Communities grantees.
- **Social Norms Conference** – Carol, April, Deb and Lorraine will attend the Social Norms conference next week. Each will attend a different workshop/break out group.
- **Project YELL Steering Committee** is this Substance Abuse Committee.

- **Peer Leaders** – Last year's students were laid off when the grant was de-funded. They will be re-interviewed to access interest. Students who are able to go into the community and use public speaking skills are needed.
- **Youth Summit** - At a recent Youth Summit, high school attendees participated in asset mapping, made an action plan, and prioritization of gaps in service. The interactive conference was all about environmental strategies. The yearly event costs \$100 per person. Workshops included compliance checks, Youth In Action roll call briefings, media advocacy and shoulder taps.

## Next Steps:

- ☐ In preparation for the annual meeting, make an information sheet with SAC information and membership. (Lorraine, April, Carol)
- ☐ In preparation for the annual meeting, make a trifold poster (April, Peer Leaders)
- ☐ Update the Comet reporting system with reporting information on a regular basis. (Carol, Lorraine, Others)
- ☐ Bring a copy of the Coalitions' orientation packet to the August meeting (Lorraine)
- ☐ Bring a copy of the Peer Leaders' RFQ. (Lorraine)

