



Town of Smithtown
Youth & Community Alliance

Substance Abuse Committee Meeting
October 30, 2017 - Horizons Center Community Room

Keeping Our Youth & Families Safe... Physically & Emotionally Healthy & Free of Substance Abuse

Meeting highlights:

1. Roundtable introductions were made. A brief overview of the Alliance and the three committees was given.
2. Past projects of the Substance Abuse committee were highlighted.
3. **Committee Project Updates** - The group discussed collaborating on a “**Not on Your Life!**” (NOYL) campaign. Youth volunteers would be trained by members of the **Prevention Resource Center** and would then go to local stores which sell alcohol and ask them to sign a pledge to follow the drinking laws and not sell alcohol to minors. It was decided to make the event township-wide and will ask the other local coalitions to participate.

Kings Park in the kNow will definitely take part. Will need to determine a date (possibly between March 11 and April 2) and transportation issues. The group discussed pros/cons of having it on a Friday right after school or on a Saturday. Letters would be sent to stores ahead of time with the pledge, follow up phone calls would be made, and then students would visit and speak with store owners (accompanied by adults). Students would receive community service credit. **Next steps** are to speak with the Chamber of Commerce about NOYL. Kim R. and Pam F. will speak with the Kings Park Chamber. We will also discuss it with Legislators Trotta and Kennedy.

4. **Red Ribbon Week**- Kings Park In The kNow set up a display at the Smithtown Bull Statue for Red Ribbon Week. The display read “Your Future is Key So Stay Drug Free”. We can work with them on the project next year or help to enhance it in some way. The Parks Department will be installing frames around the Bull so we will have to find out dimensions to put up a new display.
5. **Horizons/Youth Bureau/Community Organization Open House event.** The group discussed holding an open house to let the community know what types of programs and services we provide. Kim suggested holding it during Smithtown Day (first Sunday in June). We can have the Chamber promote it as well. Thousands of people attend Smithtown Day so it is a great way to get foot traffic. **Possible Activity Ideas:** Raffles, Food, Giveaways, Balloon Arch, Workshops, Face painting. Alice L. and Rebecca L. suggested getting the SHSW Quintet. We can also host a Medicine Take Back Event that day. Officer McNulty told us to put in a request for this.
6. **Other Ideas**- Horizons would like to meet with the town about enforcing a **vape ordinance** and limit the amount of vape shops. The PRC will be focusing on Vape at their next networking breakfast and would like for each coalition to develop a **PowerPoint presentation** on it. One of their other coalitions has done this. The HS students presented it to the 5th graders. More information about vaping and drugs can be found on the *TallCopSaysStop* website.
7. **Next General Membership Meeting** will be held on November 28, 2017 from 4:30-6:00 pm at the Smithtown Library (Main Branch).



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“To promote the health and wellness of our young people; mobilize schools and communities; and utilize resources to create and sustain an environment where destructive decisions and substance abuse are reduced”