

Georgetown Substance Abuse Advisory Panel

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> Douglas Dawes, Chairman Pamela Lundquist, Clerk Police Chief Donald Cudmore Fire Chief Fred Mitchell Superintendent Carol Jacobs

Georgetown Substance Abuse Advisory Panel
(the SAAP)

Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 28, 2017

The Perley School

<u>In attendance:</u> Selectman Doug Dawes, Police Chief Donald Cudmore, Fire Chief Fred Mitchell, School Committee Vice Chair Pam Lundquist, Superintendent Carol Jacobs

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M.

Re: Previous meeting's minutes were approved by the Committee.

Re: Recovery.org – Doug received an email from Recovery.org requesting to be listed as a resource. The committee approved a link to this website on our future webpage, after discussing the merits.

Re: Speaker Series – Everyone was pleased with the April 24th Social Host Workshop! We have had multiple hits on social media of people watching. The idea to have an annual speaker series was discussed and generally approved. We talked about having a fall, winter & spring speaker substance abuse-related events. Chief Cudmore wants to focus more on our televised audience, speaking to the camera. He reminded us that we have money to pay people to speak. Superintendent Jacobs suggested the podcast format, which the schools plan to use more in the future, since getting people to attend such events at night is becoming more difficult. Suggestions for speaker events included Kathi Sullivan, an Opiod information night, something for senior citizens around prescription drug use. We will post the Social Host Workshop Youtube video on various community Facebook pages.

<u>Re: Mission Statement</u> – The Committee voted to approve the following SAAP Mission Statement:

Mission Statement

The Georgetown Substance Abuse Advisory Panel (S.A.A.P) is a community health and safety initiative seeking to encourage Georgetown citizens of all ages to make safe, healthy and responsible decisions about substance-use. Our mission is to promote substance abuse prevention strategies, education and resources aimed at making Georgetown the healthiest community it can be.

Re: SAAP Webpage - Chief Cudmore proposed spending money to design a page. He will get a quote from John Guilfoil, and consult with Kip Durney & Mike Hinchliffe. Doug will consult

with the Town Communications Committee. Committee members will assemble content ideas.

Re: New Committee Members/Expanding Committee – We discusses potential people/agencies to invite, including the Board of Health, COLA (Colleen), and student representatives. Carol believes it is better to invite new members earlier in a committee's life rather than later, because it is easier to develop a common understanding that way.

Re: Future Agenda Items (before the end of the year): SAAP goals & strategies, committee membership growth/composition, website development, speaker series plans.

<u>Re: Upcoming Meetings Scheduled</u> – Future meetings will include Thursday, May 11^{th} , 10:15-11:15, at Perley Friday, May 26^{th} , 11:00-12:00am, at Perley

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Lundquist