



# GATHER/GTHHSC Substance Abuse Committee 9/20/06, 3:00, 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: Carol Annarino (Project YELL), Doug Barbour (North Cottage), Deb Brown (TPS), April Cabrera (Project YELL), Arlene Dickinson (South Bay Mental Health), Annie Galligher (CPI), Kathy Lalor (CPI), Jonathan Marcus (CCBC), Michael Meleedy (CCBC), Maggie Pike-Thomson (High Point)

## Discussion Highlights:

**Area Updates: Addiction Program** in Attleboro that any community is able to use for 13-17 year olds.

Some parents may want to go Taunton from Attleboro and vice versa. There is no program in Taunton yet but it has been presented. The schedule is very lengthy and may not be realistic for a school based program. If this is the SOAP program it is an after-school-based program offered by Community CARES with grant and insurance money and it is being offered to Taunton schools as well.

## **Project YELL**

- Carol met with Florence Canavan at Taunton High School and gave the proposal. She will also present to Mr. Matos on 9/28
- April has advertised for Peer Leaders. Deadline: 9/29
- Carol attended a meeting at Taunton Credit Union for the Health Fair Sat 9/30. She also requested from the Chamber a member roster to increase membership in Business for the Coalition
- Deb has booklets she would like to send out to parents dealing with Alcohol issues. The booklet is an awareness/educational tool about alcohol and other drugs,

**Community Outreach Grant** - Deb shared information on a \$10,000 grant concerning tobacco ad placement. Another \$2,000 mini grant is also available for schools. Grants are coming from DPH. Sophia Kim is the contact from the Medical Foundation. The large grant focuses on the community and the school grant is focusing on second-hand smoke and tobacco prevention on campus.

**Annual Meeting** – Due to difficulties in securing a location, the meeting date has been changed to **11/21/06**. Venue suggestions include Bristol-Plymouth High School and the Holiday Inn Café Justice. (See CHNA Planning Committee minutes, [p. x](#))

**Unanimous Approval** – The SAC voted unanimously to make the tobacco control grant a part of the monthly agenda. Under the new CHNA structure, the SAC is not required to include all 12 CHNA communities in this initiative.

## Next Steps:

- ☐ Contact SNI about membership roster. (Carol)

## Next Meetings:

**SART Planning: 10/11/06, 3:00, CCBC Project Empower Conference Room:** Enter the old Taunton Mall using the door to the registry, turn right. The CCBC office is on the left through the glass doors, left, follow the hallway to the conference room.

**Substance Abuse Committee – 10/18/06, 3:30, CCBC Conference Room**

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## VIII. Next Meeting: November 15, 2006

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## **Initiative Petition A – From <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/index.htm>**

### **An Initiative Petition for a Law**

This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a “food store” as a retail vendor, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell.

The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller’s premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.