



BILLERICA SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE

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**Billerica Substance Abuse Committee
Minutes
March 12, 2025
Evelyn Haines Conference Room
Hybrid**

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In attendance: Chair, D Favreau, D Viola, B Simmons, J Gray (via zoom), D Torre, (via zoom), E Szymanski (via zoom), J Barry (via zoom), A Ciara via Zoom @ 5:14) Non-Voting: M DeLucia, C Main (via zoom), M Higgins (via zoom)

Absent: B McCann, J Kleschinsky

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Dina Favreau

Roll Call

5:01 Approval of February minutes. Motion to accept the Feb minutes made by D Torre & seconded by E Szymanski. Voted yes 7-0.

5:02 Treasurer's report provided by J Gray. \$14,892.18 balance Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by D Torre & seconded by J Barry. Voted yes 7-0.

5:06 Monthly stats provided by B Simmons.

7 Total Incidents
2 At Risk
4 Non-Fatal
1 Fatal

D Torre asked about the numbers as they seem high. Is there a known cause? B Simmons replied that the number seems to be on the same path as last year. Perhaps there is a higher concentration with fentanyl. Every batch is tested when an incident is reported. M Delucia asked if there were any reports made to which B Simmons replied in the affirmative 4 of the 5

including the fatality. D Favreau asked if the window of time is known that would trigger notification, M Higgins replied no but that they are paying attention. B Simmons indicated that 1 was a double where they responded to 2 incidents at the same house in the same morning and another was close where the emergency notification was almost triggered, but they held off. This would have been the 1st notification in 2 years. D Favreau asked if the double incident home had Narcan to which B Simmons replied that they did not. D Favreau asked if they were able to get them into treatment to which Simmons replied no but that 1 was self-seeking. M Higgins indicated that there have been 3 follow-up calls. J Barry thanked Higgins & Simmons for their work.

5:09 B Simmons reported that now that the weather is getting nicer new boxes can start to be set up. They are looking to add boxes to the PHR Complex and the VVP field complex. D Favreau reported that she recently did a community recreation hike through the forest at the VVP and many hikers mentioned frequently finding needles and paraphernalia in the area, so this is a very popular area for use. D Favreau asked if the box has been hung at the library yet to which M Higgins replied not yet.

5:11 Prevention Forum update....Presentation went well at the High School & D Favreau is getting lots of positive feedback. The presentation at the Marshall will be tomorrow @ 8:45 and at the Locke @ 12:00. The presentation at Shawsheen Tech will be on 4/29. D Favreau indicated that her nephew attended the HS presentation and said it was very good. M Delucia asked how much notice is needed for him to attend the presentation at the Tech as he would like to go to the same one that his grandson is attending. A Ciara now on zoom indicated that she is not sure which one his grandson would be attending at this time as the shops have not been finalized. As soon as she knows, she will let him know. M Higgins indicated that B McCann is talking to the health teachers about a project.

5:16 Billerica Health & Wellness Fair update. B McCann not present to update. J Barry asked when the fair is and it was answered that it will be 4/12 @ the Elks from 10-2. D Favreau asked M Higgins if the resource material was located. Higgins indicated that he found 3 crates and will bring them in and put in back closet. He will double check on what else we may have. D Torre asked if BSAP has their own table or partnering with BPD. D Favreau asked who is available to help on the day of the fair? D Torre will be there, J Barry can help from 9-1, M Delucia can help 11-1 and D Favreau can help set up. D Viola can help set up @ 9:30. A Ciara indicated that she may be able to attend but will not know until the day gets closer. B Simmons will be there as part of BPD but he can help as well. M Higgins asked what we wanted for the table. The group indicated, chip clips, hand sanitizer, chargers....D Favreau will give him a list. J Barry asked if there are any funds needed to which D Favreau replied no as we put aside money under the supplies line item in the budget.

5:22 School Musicals....D Favreau has not received any of the forms needed to complete for the advertisement/sponsorships. J Barry asked about putting something in the monthly COA newsletter. M Delucia indicated that he has made several attempts to contact the number in the newsletter but is not getting a call back. He will keep trying.

5:25 New Business

Playground Project...D Torre mentioned a fundraiser on Sat 5/3 FROM 10-4 at the old Ditson school grounds. The fundraiser will be in honor of Doreen Healy. Tables @ fundraiser are free but we should provide a donation. It will be a family-friendly event with Pat the Patriot, a dunk tank etc. Could BSAP make a donation? D Favreau indicated that she thought they were looking for sponsors and D Torre indicated that they are looking for both and thinks it would be a great format to get our message out and she will be there for the day. D Viola will also be there with his family. E Szymanski asked if they are looking for raffle donations such as MB gift cards or just money? A Ciara indicated that she could volunteer but not sure on time. She supports a donation from BSAP. J Barry indicated that E Szymanski had a good idea with a raffle basket. Would BPD or BFD want to help with putting the basket together? D Torre indicated that they are already doing their own thing. D Favreau is hesitant on gift cards as it came up as a red flag in the Town audit. We could do the same type of basket that we did at the Holiday Festival in December. Motion to make \$500 donation to the playground fundraiser made by J Barry and seconded by E Szymanski. Friendly amendment made by J Barry to increase donation to \$1000. M Higgins suggested that we split the difference and make the donation \$750. Motion made by J Barry to donate \$750 to the playground project fundraiser and seconded by E Szymanski. Voted yes 8-0

5:37 Motion to adjourn made by D Torre and seconded by D Viola. Voted yes 8-0