



MINUTES-AHL Partnership Meeting September 9, 2024

Present: Rev. Tom Bentley, Ron Block, Phil Crawford, Glen Davis, Heather Day, Diana DeLeo, Rob Dolan, Scott Formica, Linda Ladd, Tiffany Leyne, Linda Naccara, Peg Sallade, Jenny Sheehan, Dave Thomson, Chris DeCarlo, Mirza Baig, Adam Levine, Nicole O'Brien.

I: Introductions - Chair Phil Crawford opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from August 2024. The motion passed and minutes were approved. Phil also gave a grant update that the program has received \$60/yr for 4 years under the SAMHSA STOP ACT grant to focus on underage drinking prevention.

II: SSRE Presentation, Coalition Survey Results - Scott Formica

Mr. Formica, Social Science Research and Evaluation, presented an overview of the Coalition Assessment Survey. The Presentation is linked [here](#)

Scott noted that this is the 3rd time this survey has been administered and showed a chart demonstrating growth in all key areas of the survey, including membership, leadership. **Survey Q & A and Group Discussion:** Opportunities for improvement include continuing to focus on diversity of membership, meeting people where they are in the community, and supporting equitable decision making across youth and coalition leadership.

III: Community Updates

- Community
 - Night of Hope-Diana reminded everyone that the Night of Hope is Sunday, September 22 at 6 pm at the middle school. Agencies that want to table are welcome. Table set up is 5 pm.
 - Rotary - Golf Tournament - 9/20: Ron Block of Rotary invited everyone to participate in the golf tournament on September 20 at Reedy Meadow.
- Public Health & Safety-
 - Chief Davis invited everyone to celebrate First Responders Day on 9/11 at the meeting house at 6 pm with a BBQ to follow. He noted that he has 3 MHFA training dates set for fire and is opening training up to surrounding communities.
 - LCOT updates-Captain DeCarlo introduced Mirza Baig, the new Licensed Mental Health Counselor from Elliot Behavioral Health working under the Department of Mental Health grant shared with Swampscott and noted that they are working with Essex County Outreach to provide a SIMS training and also a Crisis Intervention



Training. He is also conducting internal training with Elliot and police supervisors to learn how to best utilize Elliot Services.

- Schools: Jenny Sheehan informed the group of the upcoming school committee meeting. Peg discussed the completion of a Youth Mental Health First Aid training with LHS teachers and coaches with plans to repeat another training in the spring.
 - LHS Club Fair - 9/13-Youth Group will recruit new members at AHL table. Sheri Weeks will remain the LMS Youth Council Advisor with one other teacher to be identified. Position will be posted this week. A similar Youth Council Advisor position is open at LHS to oversee the AHL Youth Council and was posted last week.
 - Open Houses-AHL will be at the Middle School open house on 9/19.
 - Project Adventure - A group of 55 LHS athletic captains and 6 coaches/chaperones will attend a leadership training on 9/11. All 5th grade students will participate in a special program for team building and SEL on 10/17 at LMS with PA coming on site. AHL is funding both programs.
- Beth Israel Lahey Health is conducting its Community Health Needs Assessment. Here is the info from Michelle Snyder:

Help improve the health of our community! Lahey Hospital and the Beth Israel Lahey Health (BILH) member hospitals are doing a Community Health Needs Assessment to learn about the issues affecting people in our communities. This anonymous 15-minute survey will help BILH understand what you think about quality of life and available resources so they can improve patient care and community services. The survey is available in multiple languages.

Take the survey by November 1 for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card here <https://survey.jsi.com/s3/FY25-BILH>.

IV: New Schedules and Workgroups

- Diana launched a new meeting schedule for the year. There will be Coalition Meetings every other month, and “Action Teams” will meet in between to have deeper, action-oriented conversations. Please refer to the [meeting handout](#) for which Action Team you are asked to attend, and the dates for all meetings! Action Team meetings can take place by Zoom and will allow for more flexibility in scheduling.
- Diana also reminded the group to [nominate](#) a community volunteer and organizational partner for our Annual Awards.



V: Retirement

Chair Phil Crawford announced Director Peg Sallade's retirement and thanked her for the work that's been done to build the coalition in the past six years. He welcomed Diana DeLeo in her role as Program Director, noted that we will hire a second position to help Diana. Peg thanked everyone for their participation and support over the past 6 years, and believes that everyone will continue to work together to best support the health of Lynnfield youth and the community.

Stay tuned for our Annual Meeting Date in October!