



MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2017

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Location: Wellspring Center for Prevention, 620 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick

Present:

Roulla Castanos-Beaton, Middlesex Co. Division of Addictions/Mental Health Planning

Diana Starace, RWJUH

Joseph Bae, CHI Rutgers

Kathy Iannuzzo, SPUH

Linnda Surks, Wellspring

Helen Varvi, Wellspring

Mara Carlin, Wellspring Center for Prevention

Shelly Williams, GSCB

Kim Repsha, GSBC

Heather Ward, Wellspring

Melanie Kravchenko, Student

Irina Kravcheko, community member

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Discussion/Report
Welcome	Mara opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. We started with a fun getting to know you ice breaker.
Updates:	<p>STOP Grant update: South River High School is working on an underage drinking project for the students at South River High School. The students meet Tuesdays after school, and will be doing a school wide presentation in March 2017</p> <p>Young Women's Conference: Since this meeting the YWC has been postponed with a tentative date in May 2017.</p> <p>Hidden in Plain Sight: Helen and Roulla reported that Hidden in Plain sight will be taking place on April 19 in East Brunswick (time TBD) as soon as more information is available they will share it with the coalition</p> <p>Drug Facts Week – NIDA's Drug Facts week is Jan 23 -29, the coalition is working with local high schools to promote information to young people about substance abuse. Each day the coalition will be sending out info/tips on social media as well.</p>

	Task Forces: No task force meetings were held this month in lieu of Social Media Training
Social Media	Melanie Kravchenko, a student on the coalition from east Brunswick High School provided the coalition with a social media training from the youth perspective. She shared multiple apps and how to use snapchat, facebook and Instagram specifically geared to reaching high school students. If you would like more information please contact Mara and she will put you in touch with Melanie.
Next Meeting/ Adjourn	The next Coalition meeting will be held on February 15, 2017