

WASP Meeting held on 11/9/21 (Zoom Meeting)

The following people were present: Caitlin Hall, Marsella Hare, Raymond, Chelsea, Debbie Tall

Mindi Garrett was going to attend a Liquor Board Meeting which ended up being cancelled.

Caitlin is the Temporary Coordinator.

1) Brief Introductions

2) Strategies

A. TIPS Training – used with restaurants and partnerships

- West County and South County liquor establishments failed to pass establishment checks.
- Mindi and Caitlin met with Corporal Middleton and want checks done at restaurants.
- Recognize any known problem restaurants and bars such as TGI Fridays and Greene Turtle.
- Want to send out letters to bars and restaurants to warn them that compliance checks are being done.
- Marsella went to restaurants with coasters to distribute. Binge drinking checks were considered. Noon time checks at restaurants were made.

B. NARCAN Training is done on the 4th Mondays of each month at 1pm and 5pm.

- Register online at substancemisuse.com.

C. Needs Assessment in Community by holding Listening Sessions

- Listening sessions are like focus groups.
- Listening sessions can be held in person or virtually.
- The sessions should have at least 5 people and no more than 20 people.
- Possible places to hold listening sessions include: Bay Area Community Church in Annapolis, Center for Transformation in Severn; Heritage Community Church; Kingdom Celebration or Kingdom Care; Fresh Start; New Kingdom Life in Dorsey; Boys and Girls Clubs.
- It is best to tag on to existing programs such as Strengthening Families and SADD.
- The time of day sessions might be hard to establish.
- Staff is needed and incentives are important such as food.
- Work with recovery groups and partner with other organizations. Maybe pizza could be provided at a session.
- Easier to reach people virtually due to age groups and transportation.

D. Prevention Blog

- Submit posts such as holiday-related information.
- Topics can vary on such things as family members' drinking.
- Facebook/social media
- Mental health/safety.
- Thanksgiving – sharing thanks.

- Marsella can promote programs she is working with right now.
- Places in West County that can hold pilot programs – could try doing one in person and another virtually.
- Arundel Christian Church has a wide audience as well as the Bethany Church.