

WASP Meeting held on May 3, 2022 (on Zoom)

1. AM Introductions: Katie Wargo, Mindi Garrett, Michael Dorsey, Luisi, Chelsea, Justin Noel, Debbie Tall
2. Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Update: Justin Noel  
School detailing -- the Severn School will be doing the program. Archbishop Spaulding and Annapolis High. The Annapolis High School Principal knew of someone selling juul to students, so he reported it, and things improved at the school. Train the trainer for SADD is being done at more schools such as South River High and at the Center.  
Prescriber outreach is being worked on. Pharmacists are on hold until more cards arrive. Safeway wants more cards. Mindi has been looking at prescriber training where something could be printed on prescription labels. People are trying to put opioid misuse information on the label. Luisi has been looking at academic detailing where the public can be educated on the prescription label. Training for pharmacists is to start with low dosages and try not to give opioids or a massive number of medications.
3. Capacity Building: Katie. Katie wants to meet with Marsella Hare, WASP's former Coordinator since Marsella is knowledgeable about prevention and youth-related issues. Katie and her Mom tried to meet with people at Ft. Meade but no one at the gates knew they were coming. Katie helped expand Northern Lights by giving out awards to restaurants. She made friends with people as she distributed the awards. Hopefully the same can be done with the Western District.
4. Grants, Contract Funding, Fundraising: Katie. Caitlin, Luisi, and Mindi have been writing grants to help maintain funds and contracts. The current contracts run through the next year. There is \$15,000 for the Sounds of Silence and video game funding. An application for grant funding was made and sent to the Maryland Live Casino. It is offering funds to places that are within a three-mile radius of the Maryland Live Casino. Funding for programs at Fort Meade High, Fort Meade Middle School, and MacArthur Middle School is being sought. The casino board will know in May or June who will get the funds.
5. Sound of Silence: Katie. Katie, Katie's Mom, and Justin have \$15,000 for the Sound of Silence program. Justin handles all the finances and budget. He pins money to each grant so that the funds can be tracked. In July, they will get more staff through grant funding. The Sounds of Silence Program is winding down as the end of the school year is approaching. Half of the schools are involved in it. Community events and events will be set up during the summer. It is hoped that the schedule will be streamlined this summer. Schools use a panel of guests. Speakers are scheduled to discuss mental health, self-medication, and coping. Schools need to be targeted and messages sent. Forms and spreadsheets will be used like those used in setting up the Narcan training. Schools can pick dates, lead counsels, and pick 2 topics and 2 other topics will be added by program staff. Luisi suggested that a Spanish-speaking component should be done with the Sound of Silence. Parents speak Spanish at home and kids speak English at school.
6. Video Game Project: Meeting of the Minds: Mindi Garrett. Katie and Mindi have been hosting the video game meetings for students, but the last two meetings had no attendees. Last year the meetings were held right after school at 3 pm but it cannot be done now with the change in school hours. The current meeting time is Monday at 6:30 pm but the time is causing no-shows right now. It is hoped that there will be participation during the summer when kids are on

break. The storyline received additions and the pseudocodes were sent by the students and will be decided on by John. Two scenarios exist now, and student interactions are needed. Luisi is working with the SADD training and four students working that might be able to link with drug prevention. It would help to have a short video to show for more recruitment. Justin will be looking for new volunteers.

7. Restaurant Partnership/" Safe County Alliance": Mindi or Katie. Welcome packets will be sent out to establishments. Action items – this Thursday, people are needed to stuff envelopes. Letters will be sent to restaurants so they know that the compliance checks will be done.
8. Stakeholders: Legislative bills on substance abuse.

The next meeting is on June 7, 2022 at 6 pm.

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