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**Wednesday, 12/1/2022, 6:00 pm - In-Person/Zoom Hybrid - Pierson MS/HS Library**

**Attendance:**

Alana Urbont Marino (SAFE Project Coordinator)  
Kym Laube (SAFE Program Director)  
Cheryl Rozzi (SAFE Board Co-Vice President, Government Sector Representative)  
Karin Schroeder (SAFE Board President, Civic/Volunteer Sector Representative)  
Tracy Kolsin (Youth Agency Representative)  
Jackie Kanarvogel (Substance Use Prevention Organization Sector Representative)  
Kelly Dodds (SAFE Board Secretary, Business Sector Representative)  
Georgianna Dolan-Reilly ( LI Prevention Resource Center)

**Link to Slides/Presentation:** [Click this link](#)

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Updates
  - PRC/National Guard CDTF Letter Writing Brainstorm for MRTA + Networking event (Georgianna)
    - December 7, 2022, Virtual Meeting
    - Formal Training and Open Forum
    - All coalition members are invited
    - Letter writing campaign and bi-county campaign for securing adult use cannabis and driving while impaired (graphics shared)
  - Southampton Town PSA for safe driving during the holidays - SAFE wants to try to do the same -
    - SAFE, HUGS, LIARC, Southampton Youth Bureau all represented in PSA
    - Message: Drinking, Drugging, and Distracted Driving Don't Mix
    - Being promoted in 27 East, Southampton Press, Sag Harbor Express
    - 4 minute video will be played multiple times a day on Sun20 TV during the month of December
    - Data will be collected at the end
    - Kym suggested that a similar PSA could be promoted with SAFE and Legislator Fleming, Chief AJ McGuire and Chief for Town of East Hampton police, youth, SAFE members- *this was not able to come together in time for 2022 but we will plan early for 2023*
  - SAFE ad in Pierson Musical program
    - Full page ad in program
    - Protective factors, info on SAFE included in it
    - This will be an initiative we will do each year
  - Meeting with school personnel TBD - (Jackie, Alana, Rebecca)
    - Work with Brittany and other school personnel to plan a meeting and rebuild that relationship



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- We want to secure Open Gym for Jan-June 2023 in this meeting
- Karin shared that as a group we should send a letter to ensure school personnel is on the SAFE meetings- Katie, Christina Little, Brittany used to attend, personnel from BOE has not attended
- Tracy suggested attend a BOE meeting but Karin said that we can go to make a statement but they don't answer questions
- Karin said we can send an email letter to all BOE members but only the BOE President will answer
- Georgianna suggested reaching out to the Health and Wellness Committee in the school
  - Karin will look into getting into that
  - Rebecca is on Policy Committee and Karin is on Wall of Honor Committee
  - Kelly was on Wellness Committee pre-covid but she hasn't heard anything so she will reach out to them and Christina Little (she is a school counselor at Pierson)

### 3. Planning for 2023:

- Open Gym -
  - Same Friday every month, space may be difficult in Jan and Feb due to basketball practice but there is another space in the Learning Center that can be used
  - 3rd or 4th Friday of the month seems to work best
  - We can post all the dates on the flyer ahead of time
- Themes for each month:
  - Tracy suggested a live Among Us game: Similar to Who Dunit, students have a list of tasks to do and they have to guess who the killer is and have to take the flag off of them
  - One concern brought up was if the Open Gym is only the theme or if there is free space for kids to play openly. Maybe the room could be divided with cones.
  - Zumba/ TikTok Dance Night
  - All- Stars
  - Sport Specific Nights (coaches could be there)
  - Corn Hole Tournament
  - Karaoke/ Open Mic Night (Georgianna suggested an app for Karaoke, all we would need is a microphone)
  - Kelly suggested partnering with the *Friends of the Long Pond Green Belt* -- Kelly's mother-in-law is President – for outside activities/ trail hiking; Christianne from HUGS/Thrive can also led an activity like that
  - Jackie suggested a Group Self Defense Activity
- Open Gym Month/Themes
  - Jan 27 -
  - Feb 17 -



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- Mar 17 -
- April 21 or 28 -
- May 19 -
- June 16 -

Open Floor:

**Contact Person for Concert Advertisements:**

- Karin said they make it the day of the concert
- We can suggest printing for them to alleviate the burden and partner with them, may be outside the scope of SAFE funds
- Karin can reach out to Department Chairperson
- Middle/ High School has more than one concert, Elementary school only has one concert so that may be a better place to put the advertisement

**New Year, Now What? Parent Presentation in January:**

- Parenting in Covid
- Setting Intentions to talk to your youth about substances this year
- Have parents create a “vision board” about what they can do each month
- Can be open to all parents (elementary, MS, HS)

**December Events in Sag Harbor:**

- Chamber: Tree Lighting
- Historical Society Caroling (in the past we have provided hot chocolate and printed songs)
- Chamber: Santa at the Windmill
- Chamber: Holiday Dinner (Cheryl will be attending to represent SAFE and HUGS)
- Kym reminded us that for next year we will need to come up with events that charge money to fundraise as we enter the last years of our grant

**Marijuana Dispensary Opening in Southampton Town:**

- Group from NYC, capital venturist, looking for a stand alone building
- They called Kym and extended an olive branch
- Kelly wrote a letter- people don't understand 'opt out' and that Southampton never had a public hearing. She also spoke to the messaging of “If you feel different you drive different”- we could use this as our own PSA
- Kym suggested that we should get messaging out on Kratom as well (plant that has similar reaction to opiates being sold in gas stations)

**CADCA Forum: Jan 29th to Feb 2nd**

- In Washington DC
- Anyone interested in attending can go- SAFE covers expenses, let Alana know

**Next Meeting:** Thursday January 5th at Pierson Library/Hybrid