



**ATTENDANCE:**

**Sector Representatives:**

- Rebecca Burnside, Parent Rep., President
- Tanya Rulon-Miller, Parent Rep., Co-Vice President
- Cheryl Rozzi, Youth Sector Rep and Co-Vice President
- Krystle Stoddard, Other Prevention Agency Rep.
- Kelly Dodds, Business Rep.
- Chief AJ McGuire, Law Enforcement Rep.
- Maria Pentcheva, Healthcare Rep.
- Christina Little, School Rep.

**Other:**

- Georgianna Dolan-Reilly, LIPRC
- TSgt. Carissa Cantone, National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
- Sgt. Sean Cassidy, National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
- TSgt. Gabrielle Manzueta, National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
- SSG Jessica Alese, National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
- Paulette Orlando, American Lung Association
- Deacon Dzierzowski, Epiphany Community Services

**Staff:**

- Meerah Shah, SAFE in Sag Harbor Program Coordinator
- Kym Laube, HUGS Inc. Program Director
- Alexandria Migliozi, SAFE Youth Coordinator

**1. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2020** motioned to accept by Cheryl Rozzi and seconded by Maria Pentcheva.

**2. Law Enforcement Report**

Chief AJ McGuire provided a report on Sag Harbor’s “odd summer”. There has been one or two less calls a day than normal. The Sag Harbor Police Department received one or two less calls a day than normal. The Police Department dealt with more domestic violence issues in the spring. The town would become quiet around 10:30 pm or later during the summer nights. There was the same amount of accidents and volume on the streets, however the Sag Harbor Police Department saw a 50% decrease in DWI arrests. The Police Department responded to two overdose calls with Narcan for the same person this summer as well. Chief McGuire also mentioned that there were 110 more students in the school district, and there were no fevers amongst the students at check-in on the first two days.

Kym Laube asked if Chief McGuire saw an increase in public drinking, to which he replied that although people were eating takeout on the street, but not many people were found drinking in public. There was an issue or two in the spring, but otherwise it has been great. Restaurants and bars in town have been trying to do the right thing, so there have not been any issues in noncompliance with the current rules of social distancing. There have also not been any real issues with parties in the village either. There have been some issues in Southampton town but none otherwise.

### **3. Boating Guidelines and Education Distribution**

Maria reported that she had given boating safety education handouts at Redwood anchorage, and Cheryl gave to Breakwater Yacht Club. Rebecca and Cheryl will go back to both locations respectively to see if they have any extra handouts that could potentially be distributed to other locations. Karin added that she will drop off handouts to Bob at the Village. Next year, SAFE in Sag Harbor plans to distribute handouts before Memorial Day weekend.

This year, boat traffic was double what it was last year. Chief McGuire reports that there weren't any incidences while intoxicated, however people had incidences with people who didn't know how to run their boats properly. Rebecca reported that she didn't feel that she saw as many Coast Guard boats this year as compared to last year.

### **4. Sticker Shock and National Recovery Awareness Month Update**

Meerah reports that she went around the village with Alexandria, Cheryl, Lt. Robert Drake, as well as three youth volunteers named Brian Schroeder, Lance Schroeder, and Chad Federico. The youth went around and stuck approximately 350 stickers on alcohol containers in businesses that sell alcohol around town. The message on the stickers read, "STOP! It is illegal to purchase or give alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Penalties, fines, and jail time under Suffolk County and NYS Laws." Despite the current state of the world due to the pandemic, Sag Harbor businesses were very open and welcome to having SAFE members and volunteers put stickers on all the cases. Many businesses were wary about SAFE putting bottle hangers on individual bottles this year due to the pandemic, so SAFE is aiming to have those distributed during next year's Sticker Shock.

This year, SAFE began two new initiatives for National Recovery Awareness Month. The group went around to local eateries in the village and distributed purple stickers for them to stick on all their takeout orders that read, "Mealtime is Prevention Time! Sharing a meal together, even as little as 2 times a week, significantly reduces youth risk behaviors". This was well received by the restaurant businesses and Meerah got feedback from some coalition members prior to the meeting saying that their takeout orders had the mealtime stickers placed on them. SAFE also went around to all of the businesses in the village and distributed purple lightbulbs for the month-long event called, "Light Up for Recovery". Stores were given these purple lightbulbs to have them light up on their storefront windows with accompanying flyers to put on the front windows or doors of the businesses, as well as community message boards so people know what the significance of the purple lightbulbs. The flyer has also been posted on both Facebook and Instagram.

Many stores have the lightbulbs, but they are not necessarily on, or the other lights are washing out the purple bulbs. We will look into getting brighter/larger lightbulbs or handing out more than one bulb to businesses so that the color is more visible. Additionally, meeting attendees suggested that SAFE should put out a PSA on WLNG next August to let people know about the initiative to increase participation.

Kym spoke at the village board asking to light up the windmill purple. We have approval for this year, but Kym needs to connect with Dee Yardley to set up the windmill lights. The mayor also offered to light up the cupola. AJ is going to follow up on this tomorrow and will get back to us with updates. For 2021, we plan to get each East End town to do something to honor the lives lost and promote overdose

awareness, followed by ceremoniously lighting the windmill purple and keeping these lights on until the end of September.

## **5. CADCA Recognition**

SAFE in Sag Harbor received national recognition through CADCA for the tulip bulbs that were planted as a middle school community event, which bloomed during the pandemic, with a message of peace and hope during such trying times.

## **6. DeTerra Bag Distribution**

SAFE in Sag Harbor is planning to distribute DeTerra Bags to local veterinary offices, pet grooming locations, as well as Barth's Pharmacy. DeTerra bags are drug disposal bags that allow people a safe way to dispose of their unwanted, unused, or expired medications at home. People place their unwanted medication in the bag, add water, seal, and shake. The bag can then be disposed of in household trash. There was a great emphasis on distributing the bags to veterinary offices since animals can sometimes be prescribed pain pills that human's abuse. Kym says she will update the group at the next meeting with the progress of this initiative.

## **7. LIPRC Strategic Prevention Framework Presentation**

Georgianna O'Reilly, from the Long Island Prevention Resource Center (LIPRC) gave meeting attendees a presentation today about the Strategic Prevention Framework today. Due to time constraints at the last meeting, Georgianna was not able to complete her presentation. She will complete the remainder of the presentation at next month's meeting.

## **SEVEN STRATEGIES**

1. Providing Information
2. Enhancing Skills
3. Providing Support
4. Enhancing Access/Reducing Barriers
5. Changing Consequences (Incentives/disincentives)
6. Physical Design
7. Modifying/Changing Policies