



H.O.P.E. General Monthly Meeting  
September 10, 2009 9am  
Keith Middle School Community Room

Attendance: T. Belliveau, J. Coutinho, M. Mojica, P. Talbot, D. Smook, S. Sylvia, J. Paradise, S. Rock, R. Chamberlain, C. Smiler, D. France, M. DeBrito, H. Marques, D. Gaudette, J. Neves, D. Spencer, R. Oliveira, C. Alves, M. Valler, C. Frazier, P. Charyk, M. Pacheco, P. Tavares, S. Martins, A. Costa, B. Pereira, D. Perkins, R. Arruda, J. Berberena, L. Poyant, Z. Hansen-DiBello, V. Sequeira, B. Poulin, D. Lesser, M. Hunter, S. Nobre, D. Lopes, C. Robert.

- ❖ Welcome by Deirdre and introductions made around the room.
- ❖ What can your program do to continue the forward momentum, in spite of the 40% budget cut? What is your hope?
  - Dennison Memorial, Joe Neves- Dennison Memorial is a resource for kids, offering a computer room, tutors and gymnasium. He hopes for more collaboration and funding; prevention is an important piece of the collaborative.
  - YouthBuild, Donald France- The biggest challenge is making education more appealing. Kids come to the classroom educationally battered. The study plan is a combination of independent and group study; constantly experimenting with approach. Need more Spanish speaking teachers. 53 H.O.P.E. kids entered program; 11 earned GEDs and four are registered.
  - Chuck Smiler- There should be on-line access for a resource directory that would assist with community collaboration. More awareness of violence against women.
  - New Directions, Steve Martins- Address has changed from Purchase to Dover Street; one stop career center for youth. Our hope is to provide more workshops, more collaborative efforts in order to service more youth.
  - Community Boating, Jeannie Paradise- Continue sharing resources. CBC offers year round after school programs.
  - IAC, Philomene Tavares, Case management/ support system for non-English speaking youth and their families.
  - IAC, Helena Marques- In April 2009, the "Amigos Multi-Cultural Center" program at Roosevelt was formed providing support, mentors and translators. 96% of the faculty do not speak another language, which is an obstacle. IAC is working with foreign exchange students from BCC and UMass.
  - NBPS, Denise Gaudette- She would like to share her data; a historical perspective of trends in students, grades 7 – 12.
  - Melissa Pacheco, UMass- Collaboration, identify resources through the university.

- PAACA, Terri Belliveau- Youth Court- Working on a new Fall River initiative with our Shannon partner. Partnership with ICC for clinical support.
- NorthStar, Marco DeBrito- "Have dreams, believe in dreams and achieve it".
- NorthStar, Maria Mojica- Collaborate and reach out to more families.
- Community Connections, Darlene Spencer- Further collaboration, work with families using a more holistic approach. Integration of services to raise awareness of the need for parent support. We have woven a web, how do we strengthen it? How do parents get this information? What is out there?

1. Websites include: [COAST New Bedford](#), [makepeacenb.org](#) and [community connections](#).

2. Dial 211- A United Way initiative. Contact Rosa DaCosta, Vista Volunteer

3. The Family Resource Center, 508-994-4521. Library, computers and family advocates are available. No family will be turned away.

- Street Outreach, Drae Perkins- Spread the message of nonviolence to youth and adults.
- Rev. Russ Chamberlain offers use of the Pilgrim Unitarian Congregational Church, downtown.
- CFS, Sara Sylvia- Keep kids out of crisis and families together.
- ArtWorks! - Deb Smook- Untap the potential in teens and keep the Teen Mural Projects moving forward.
- PharmaHealth – Jim Countinho- Keep collaborating.
- Boys & Girls Club, Mike Valler- Collaborate to extend programming.
- DCF, Rosemary Oliveira- Continue collaboration with NorthStar & NBHS.
- UMass, Boston, Celia Frazier- Collaborate with community partners. Share resources.
- [Parents helping Parents](#), Pat Charyk- Parent support group.
- JDC, Pam Talbot- Get parents more involved. Formation of a peer recovery group.
- JDC, Beth Pollin- Better treatment options to support kids and families.
- SMILES, Lynn Poyant- Continue mentoring our most at risk youth; continue collaboration with NorthStar, DCF and NBHS.
- C FS, Antoinette Costa- Continue collaboration with NorthStar and NBHS.
- BCSO, Reentry, Brian Pereira- Expand collaboration with other providers.
- Carl Alves- Next step is to come up with inventive ways to collaborate with a lot less money. Integrate; Combine delivery of direct services in a unified way and identify who will be served.
- New Directions, Jamie Berberena- Support youth and job opportunities.

- [Women's Center](#), Rebecca Arruda- more awareness of domestic violence issues.
- [Bioneers by the Bay](#), Zoe Hansen-DiBello- Provide scholarships for October.

❖ In Year 4

1. Create a dialogue of critical issues
2. Create beneficial alliances and relationships
3. Reach out to parents

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Volunteerism- [United Way](#)
- [Massachusetts 2-1-1](#)~ Get Connected. Get Answers.
- October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month, The Women's Center will present.
- November – DCF will present, Shaken Baby Syndrome.
- December – Youth speakers
- September 30, "Time for You" presented by Reclaiming Futures at the Main Library on September 30. Free library cards. Get information on your child's health ~ Call Pam Talbot, 508-996-6704 ext. 3370 or Maria Mojica, 508-984-3383 ~
- Medical Reserve Corps non-medical volunteers needed, call Louise Donaghy, 508-991-6261.
- October 24- Statewide Youth Council needs 10– 12 highly motivated young people to form a regional council. Call Terri Belliveau at PAACA, 508-979-1580.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.  
The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2009.  
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