



H.O.P.E. General Monthly Meeting
October 8, 2009 9am
Keith Middle School Community Room

Attendance: T. Belliveau, D. France, A. Lemieux, J. Parsons, G. Marden, C. Smiler, J. Coutinho, C. Beauregard, H. Marques, P. Talbot, R. Chamberlain, S. Nielsen, S. Rebeiro, T. Cormier, R. McPherson, P. Tavares, D. Lima, M. Mojica, J. Berberena, T. Donohue, S. Nichols, S. Martins, N. Almeida, T. Furtado, L. Rebeiro, D. Porche, M. Valler, S. Rodrigues, A. Hansen-DiBello, C. Pina, D. Perkins, B. Pereira, S. Nobre, J. Paradise, P. Durant, D. Spencer, C. Alves, D. Provencher, I. Buck, J. Houghton, J. Neves, A. Blake, E. Benett, S. Kelley, D. Lopes, C. Robert.

❖ Deirdre: Welcome

▶ Due to time restraints, personal introductions will no longer be made. A list of our community partners will be posted.

❖ Carl: Year 4 [Click here for PowerPoint presentation.](#)

Current Conditions:

- ▶ Funding reduced by 40%.
- ▶ Funding cuts will make it impossible to maintain current H.O.P.E. service levels.
- ▶ Crime is on the rise, grades are down and drug use is up.

H.O.P.E. Structure:

- ▶ Suppression; NBPD and the DA's office
- ▶ Street Outreach
- ▶ Intervention
- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Reentry

Strengths:

- ▶ Collaborative is positioned well to take advantage of collaborative economies of scale.
- ▶ H.O.P.E has a four-year history of being a leader in the statewide effort; uniquely structured.
- ▶ Partners are willing to collaborate more so than ever before
 - Experience and trust developed over time
 - Necessity
- ▶ An opportunity for a \$600,000 budget that remains one of the highest funding levels in the state.
- ▶ We have a process evaluation system that will yield useful data for decision making and planning.

Weaknesses:

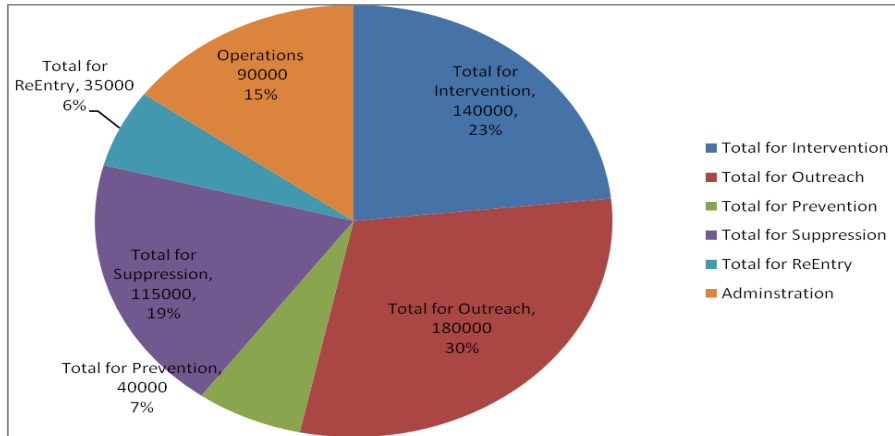
- ▶ Agency services are contracting due to significant budget cuts.
- ▶ There are fewer sources of leveraged resources to assist the H.O.P.E. effort.
- ▶ Outcome measure data collection is not fully functional.
- ▶ Partners are primarily concerned with saving their programs.

Opportunities:

- ▶ Because of harsh conditions, people realize that we need to change the way we do business in order to survive.

- ▶ Because of the work that has been done during the previous 4 years, H.O.P.E. has a good idea of what is working and what is not.
- ▶ There may be additional funding opportunities through stimulus funding in the future.
- ▶ Timing is right to make the H.O.P.E. Collaborative more efficient.

Budget Allocation:



Goals

- ▶ Integrate and collaborate.
 - ▶ Establish operational budget.
 - ▶ Measurable outcomes.
 - ▶ Leverage strategies.
 - ▶ Unified integration system.
- ❖ Rebecca Arruda, The Women's Center [Click here for PowerPoint presentation.](#)
1. Seven people died of domestic violence in New Bedford this year.
 2. Staff speaks Spanish, Portuguese, Creole and English Speaking.
 3. Child and Adolescent Trauma Program.
 4. Support group and self esteem building for women, children and men.
 5. October 28th at 6pm, Candlelight Vigil against Violence Ceremony at City Hall.
- ❖ Announcements
- Bioneers by the Bay needs youth and volunteers for [October 22 – 25 conference.](#)

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.
 The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2009.
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