

## **CHEC MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 4:00 – 5:00PM via Zoom**

### **Call to Order – K. Barella**

K. Barella called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Welcome & Introductions – Present: K. Barella, T. Giordano, J. Boehler, G. LaChance, B. Smith, K. Kelly, A. Gilbert, D. White, N. Aniolek and C.A. Bell.

### **AHM Updates – T. Giordano**

- T. Giordano thanked everyone that supported the online action. It was a good opportunity to spread awareness about the Agency and the auction netted approximately \$10,000.
- Joel Rosenberg, who has been with AHM for 38 years, will be retiring at the end of this month.
- The outpatient clinic has been very busy and they are evaluating how to meet the needs of more people.

### **SOAR Update**

J. Boehler reported ten new kids joined at the last meeting. They are working on posting statistics at the schools.

### **Old Business**

- Winter Cocoa With a Cop – J. Boehler  
To be held January 7<sup>th</sup> at Marlborough Bakery and intended to get to know local law enforcement.
- Marlborough Health and Safety Day – Today I Matter Poster Project  
Tabled  
Possibility of a Public Forum/Legalization of marijuana and Retail Establishment  
Tabled

## **New Business**

- **Making Our Communities Smoke Free Update – K. Barella**  
K. Barella and J. Boehler met with Ray Bull, Marlborough Parks and Recreation Director. They will present the posters and discuss signage at the Marlborough Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in January. J. Boehler reported Andover currently does not have a Parks and Recreation Director. She will contact the Commission Chairperson.
- **“Welcome 2 Reality” Social Media Presentations Planned for January and February**  
Zoom presentations January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 28th 7:00 pm – 8:00 PM. The presentations are intended for parents of younger children to increase awareness related to social media. Registration is required.
- **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) “Meet our Senator” – J. Boehler and K. Barella to attend CADCA in January.** Discussed meeting State Representatives and sharing information about the coalition. T. Giordano suggested bringing a folder of CHEC information to hand out, as time with representatives might be limited.
- **AHM Project Graduation – Fundraiser Activity – J. Boehler**  
\$1000 was raised with the Simply Soy fundraiser. They are looking at additional fundraisers such as a paint night and setback tournament. An additional Simply Soy candle fundraiser will be held in the spring.
- **Youth Voice Count Survey – B. Smith, A. Gilbert**  
Prioritization of the risk factors that support youth use of marijuana, vapes, and alcohol and a work through the local conditions / “But why here?” process.  
B. Smith and A. Gilbert presented Phase 2 of Youth Voices Count Survey. Discussed risk factors and how to reduce/prevent risk factors and strengthen protective factors.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Pearson