

South Salt Lake
**Coalition for
Drug Free Youth**
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Coalition Meeting
November 16, 2011
11:30am
Columbus Center

Monthly Theme: Patience
Next month's theme: Generosity

Present: Alli Lachowsky, Cassandra Meyers, Debi Tabor, Derek Hoffman, Jennifer Allred, Jennifer Smartt, Kathy Hoenig, Leanne Geigle, Marni Timmerman, Meg Buonforte, Merrilyn Day, Michael Johnson, Terry Russo, Kitt Curtis, Andrea Barrows, Virginia Sanchez, Kayla Moss, Buffy Danos, Rob Timmerman, Morgan Marietti

Announcements:

- No coalition meeting for December. Stay tuned via email for a possible training opportunity.
- 2012 Community Character Initiative calendars are now available and can be picked up at Credit Union One, Recreation Department at the Columbus Center, SSL City Water Bill Payment or the SSL Coalition for Drug Free Youth.
- YCC has set-up their angel tree at the SSL City Office. It is located on the 2nd floor in the lobby by Water Bill Payment. Stop by today and help a local child in need!

Meeting Recap:

- 1- **Welcome and Introductions-** Rob introduced the group and individual introductions were made with each member stating something that they were thankful for.
- 2- **2012 Community Character Initiative Kick-Off Report-** The kick-off for the 2012 CCI themes was held on Tuesday, November 15th at the Columbus Center and for those who came to the event; we had a great time and got to meet several of the character faces for the 2012 year. At this event, we only had 25 calendars and they all were given out very quickly. We now have all 2,000 calendars and it is our goal to have a calendar in every home in SSL. Please see "announcements" listed above for the various distribution sites throughout SSL. If anyone would like to be a distribution site for the 2012 calendars, please let Rob know at rob@ssldrugfree.org.
- 3- **Sharp Presentation- Bach Harrison, LLC-** Presentation was given by David Dunham from Bach Harrison, LLC on South Salt Lake specific data for the 2011 SHARP Survey. If anyone would like to view this data please contact Rob at rob@ssldrugfree.org. Also, as a reminder, it is extremely important that this data is not posted publicly in any way. The SSL Coalition for Drug Free Youth has a contract with this Granite School District and we would hate for this contract to be breached.
- 4- **RX Take Back Event Review-** Terry Russo disseminated the results of the RX Take Back Event held in October. At this event, 34lbs of OTC, 24lbs of non-controlled and 5.5lbs of controlled medications were collected. In all this totaled, 63.5lbs of medications were dropped off and are now off the streets! At this event, Terry found that most of the people who participated were a similar age group to who shops at Rite Aid with the average age being 55. Most people reported that the most important reason why they brought their medication to the event was because it was best for the environment. 25 people disposed their own medications while 15 were disposing a relative's medicine and 1 person reported that they had found the medicine on the street! While most people

reported that they used to throw their medication in the trash, this event has helped to raise awareness about the safety of using only as prescribed and appreciated the efforts of those involved in the event.

*Alli Lachowsky will report the # of lbs. of drugs that the SSLPD and drug take back events have gotten off the streets for the year.

- 5- **RX Safety Cards Follow-Up-** Derek has received confirmation regarding the copy rights to use the RX Safety Card Copy Rights. The company has allowed us to use this information free of charge as long as we include their website on the cards. Rob will get in contact with SSL Stake President, David Young about getting price quotes for the production of these cards with a budget of \$1700-\$1800 for printing and shipping. Ashley Babbitt and Kari Cutler will also get in contact with the Granite School District and Utah Prison Copy Center.
- 6- **December Coalition Meeting/Training-** There will be no coalition meeting for the month of December. Rob mentioned the idea of having a possible training opportunity for our members but will communicate via email regarding this. Stay tuned for a possible training opportunity but NO meeting for the month of December. If there is a training opportunity, the members of the Key Leaders committee are also welcome to attend.
- 7- **Other Business-** Meg Buonforte- Welcome Baby Home Visitation program provides support and information to first-time parents in order to help their child have a healthy beginning. This is a free home visitation program. For more information regarding this program, please visit <http://www.unitedwayucv.org/org/1417041.html> or contact Meg at meg@cssutah.org.

Mayor Wood spoke at the City Council Meeting on November 16th regarding the Granite Peaks Community Bond. There was a recount in votes and the final decision regarding this bond has not been made yet. Mayor Wood stated that she plans to continue to move forward with this bond regardless of the outcome.

Utah Council for Crime Prevention will be hosting the Critical Issues Conference the last week in January at the Cultural Center. More information to come.

Youth City Council now has their angel tree up at the SSL City Offices. The YCC has chosen to help 5 local families in need and they need your help in order to provide a wonderful Christmas to all of these families in need. The tree is located in the lobby on the 2nd level by the Water Bill Payment Office. Please stop by and pick an ornament off the tree today!

The Granite School District Community Center has a space that they would like to offer for local community organizations, coalitions, etc. can hold meetings free of charge. The meeting room can hold up to 50 people and their new location is gorgeous! To find out more information please contact vlsanchez@graniteschools.org or at 385-646-4603

The Granite School District Community Center offers FREE make-and-take crafts for families in South Salt Lake. These activities are usually held on Tuesdays (kids) and Thursdays (parents). The Community Center offers other free activities as well. Please see the attached schedule. Throughout the month of December, families can also stop by any time between 9:30-4pm and decorate a Christmas Sugar Cookie. To find out more information please contact vlsanchez@graniteschools.org or at 385-646-4603.

Meeting Adjourned.