

Meeting Report

February 27, 2014

6pm-7:25pm

SAFE TASK FORCE Members in attendance: Corrigan O'Donohue, Peggy K. Goodwin, Kathy Knapp, Maureen Elliott, Josh Elizondo, Liz Bayer

Excused: Jack Salter, Julie Farhat

Guests: Samantha Panek, EMU

The committee finalized the research inquiry (document is attached to the email) and discussed timelines. Maureen will take back to Beaumont and investigate having Medical students and/or the Nursing Department perform the research. Ideally, we would like to announce the findings at our next community dialogue in the fall of 2014.

Kathy brought us up to date on her heroic efforts to bring The Bullycide Project to Royal Oak. The committee vowed to help promote it and support the project.

Chief O'Donohue mentioned the resurgence of heroin and overdosing, which is a suicide attempt or possible suicide.

Peggy Goodwin mentioned the Support our Youth Task Force, and that several committee members are already on Royal Oak SAFE including Jack, Josh, Maureen and Kathy. We welcome working with Support our Youth and their members are welcome to attend our meetings.

Liz Bayer brought us up to date on HAVEN's "Take Back the Night" event. All are welcome to participate on April 25.

Liz and Peggy worked on a proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. The proclamation will be given to HAVEN and Royal Oak SAFE (because of the link between sexual assault victimization and suicide attempts and suicides) at the Royal Oak City Commission meeting on April 7, 2014 at 7:30pm.

The committee would like to walk as a group in the MOM Race on May 3. We will discuss with Julie at the March meeting.

After the meeting, Julie Farhat confirmed with Dennis that Know Resolve was taking place at Royal Oak High School on April 1. We are still uncertain if attendance is mandatory.