

Chemical Awareness Committee Report

March 2012

Chairperson: Matt McKenna

**MINUTES
CHEMICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 20, 2012**

Attendance (* indicates present)

Committee:

Chairperson: Matt McKenna*

League Reps: CCAA: April Preston* ECIC: Brian Wild* Buff: TBA

NO: Joe Caprio* NFL: John Forcucci*

Guests: Brandy Vandermark*, Christina Pearl* of Horizons Health Services

- I – Welcome and and Introductions by committee members.
 - a. Discussion of concerns from each committee member from their districts.
 - Abuse of prescription drugs in many schools
 - K-2 “Mr. Happy” – A synthetic form of marijuana has engulfed area schools.
 - Caffeine drinks abundant in all of our districts
 - A few incidents of steroid use
- II Horizons Health Services – Brandy Vandermark and Christina Pearl spoke to our committee about their organization, what they can provide and some of the current trends of drug use in our region.
- III Goals of the committee
 - a. Educate our students athletes about chemical awards
 - b. Develop support from fellow Athletic Directors and administration
 - c. Promote out program
 - d. Assist in fundraising efforts for local agencies associated with chemical awareness.
- IV Brainstorm ideas to educate student athletes
 - a. Individual league seminars. (this year)
 - b. Section VI Chemical Awareness Seminar. Bring in a guest speaker. Ex... Chris Herron (“Unguarded”)
 - c. Survey the districts in the section about their incidents of chemical abuse.
 - d. Videos and materials for district parent meetings
- V Fundraising
 - a. Donations: boxes for “Kids Escaping Drugs” and “The Renaissance House” at the sectional championship venues. Ex. Buffalo State
 - b. Softball tournament

Next Meeting: Friday, March 9, 2012

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Meeting was held at the Kids Escaping Drugs campus.

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 - a. Discussion and updates from January meeting.
 - Abuse of prescription drugs in many schools
 - K-2 “Mr. Happy” – A synthetic form of marijuana has engulfed area schools. Raid by State police on the Indian reservations.

- II “Kids Escaping Drugs” - Executive Director – Ronn Tritto
 - a. Mr. Tritto gave us the history of the Kids Escaping Drugs program. He also explained to us the goals of the program
 - b. We received a tour of the facility.
 - c. We had a candid and “eye-opening” conversation with two individuals that are housed in the Renaissance House.
 - d. Closure- debriefed about our tour and share our thoughts about the two individuals we spoke to.
 - e. Brian Wild and I will be speaking with Mr. Tritto on an up-coming fundraising effort.
 - f. Next Meeting – April 28th 2012