

Task Team - Act 1 – Community Forum

Meeting Minutes from Friday, September 16, 2011

Task Team Focus: Keep children safe by providing information to parents and community members about Act 1 (as required by school boards)

Task Team Members:

- **Core:** Deb Robbins, Mary Hughes, Gabrielle Smith, Ashley Wageman (In attendance)
- **Extended:** Erin Maguire, Kim Horton, Amy Bigelow, Scott Evans, Michelle Rath, Nicole Williams (to be invited to next meeting on September 23, 2011)
- **Community:** Social Workers, Howard Center, Department of Children and Families, Essex Town School District counselors (to be contacted for resources, etc.); Johanna Straavaldsen (SAFE-T Trainer/Coordinator of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont-PO Box 829, Montpelier, VT 05601, (802) 229-5724; www.pcavt.org)

Communication Platforms:

1. Parent/Community Forum(s)
2. CCSU Web Page Information links to on-line resources
3. School newsletters with ongoing information about resources, contacts, assistance
4. Informative articles in local papers
5. Other

Curriculum Implications:

1. Know Your Body
2. Second Step
3. Other

Next Action Steps:

1. Ashley Wageman to gather information, resources, contacts, etc. at annual Guidance Counselor Conference scheduled for Thursday, September 22; also to contact school counselor to understand resources available from Howard Center
2. Mary Hughes to contact Essex Town to understand their plans in disseminating this message
3. Gabrielle Smith to contact publishers of Know Your Body and Second Step to understand if any new information in light of Act 1 will be added to curriculum; also contact Amy Cole
4. Deb Robbins to update CCSU web site with state resources for Act 1 that would be helpful to parents and community members

Next Meeting: Park Street South on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 2:00 to 3:00 to include extended members; sharing of information gained from Action Steps; outline timeline and plan for informing parents and community about Act 1