

Preventing destructive behavior in Chelsea youth.
Action. Prevention. Seriously!

SRSLY Coalition Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2012, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Chelsea District Library, McKune Room
Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions

We welcomed five new members, introduced ourselves with our name, grade or job, and New Year's resolutions, or what we're looking forward to in 2012, and reviewed the agenda. All new members received a SRSLY New Member Packet, explaining SRSLY polices, events, and projects. New members and those who invited them each received their choice of prize, a button, lanyard, or wristband. All members received a button.

Reiley announced that SRSLY and Chelsea Community Hospital won the Spirit of Excellence award from Modern Healthcare Magazine, a national publication and award. We were named Honorable Mention in the category of Community. This award included pictures and a write-up in the December 12th issue of the magazine, and a \$1,500 prize.

2. CTZN of the Month & Kudos Awards

- **Jed, Wesley and Ella Fritzemeier, Noah Crowder, Steve Lesko, and Kiana Webber** are our CTZNs of the Month for December, for their live music performance at the SRSLY New Year's Eve party this year, and the past three years. Their beautiful performance of Celtic music entertained partygoers, and even inspired some to get up and dance! They are a highlight of the party, and their continued dedication to this event is much appreciated.
- **Kudos Awards:** Volunteers that helped plan and run the New Year's Eve Party were thanked and recognized with a kudos candy bar. They included: Aubree S., Cathy H., Olivia O., Ananth G., Sandra G., Howard C., Madisen P., Julia P., Renae K., Rachel V., Teddi R., Malley P., Kaylin Z., Ellen C., Katie D., Beth M., Howard C., Allie R., Georgie R., Sheryl D., Sue R., Tom C., Natalie G., Marylou H., Ella F., Sean M., Regina M., Lindsey A., Jason M., Bella V., Cliff H., Emily Z., Zack D., Maddy G., Heather H., Jeanne C., Julie S., Susan Z., Rod D., April G., Carl M., Dan M., James W., Mark O., Robyn H., Stephanie H., Tyler H., Annie M., Janet K., Greg K., Anna K., Stacy F., Reese F., Shayla C., Bree, Grace E., Will W.

- 3. Group Discussion - Driving Under the Influence** – In light of a tragic and deadly drunk driving accident on New Year's Eve that took the life of a young man in Grass Lake, we discussed how we can keep ourselves and our friends safe. Recognizing that many of our members do not have driver's licenses, we discussed what to do if the person you are riding with decides to drink, or if a friend or family member has been drinking and decides to drive. Members shared their thoughts about safe ways to get out of a bad situation, including calling parents or another trusted adult to come get you, and to not get in the car if you think the driver has been drinking. We also discussed setting up a code word with parents, so you can call them and let

*Preventing destructive behavior in Chelsea youth.
Action. Prevention. Seriously!*

them know you are in an unsafe situation, and you need them to come get you. If friends or family have been drinking and are going to drive themselves, we talked about arranging for someone else to drive them, or inviting them to spend the night instead of driving home. Finally, if none of these options are going to work, we discussed calling the police, if you believe someone is going to drive drunk.

4. Wrap-Up - New Year's Eve Party –

Discussed what went well, and what could be improved for next year. Everyone agreed the pool, gym, chili cook-off, and activities in the cafeteria went really well. Many felt like a lot of people come just because we have open swim, so we definitely want to keep that activity for future parties. They also liked how there were activities for all ages, and it wasn't just a little kid thing. Volleyball, basketball and soccer in the gym were especially popular with older kids.

The video game room went well in general, but suggested having a sign up sheet next year, and ensure adult supervision throughout the party, to make sure everyone is taking turns and sharing. Also suggested having different games to choose from. Talked about having multiple tables at the entrance, one for the welcome booth, and one for prizes/merchandise, to make that area flow more smoothly. Refreshments stand went well, suggested we have a bigger sign above the table next year that says "suggested donation \$1." All in all, \$650 was donated for refreshments, and \$135 worth of merchandise was sold. Suggested closing off the 7th and 8th grade hallways next year so kids aren't wandering around unsupervised.

5. Assessment 2012 – We will be doing another assessment this year, as it has been four years since the last one. This will include looking at new survey data, as well as collecting data from the police department, the hospital, schools, and focus groups. We talked about how we can recruit kids and parents to participate in focus groups, so we can get good, detailed information about youth substance abuse in Chelsea.

We also discussed doing a web-based membership survey of SRSly members, to gather information about how we are doing and how we can improve. Suggested questions include:

- What do you like about SRSly
- Why do you participate
- Why is our mission important to you
- What would you like to see SRSly do
- What do you want the future to be
- What can we improve on

Next meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 3:15 – 4:45pm, Beach Middle School Media Center