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## SRSLY Coalition Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 2011, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Minutes

### I. **Welcome, Introductions, Member Recognition**

We welcomed new members, introduced ourselves with name and grade, and reviewed the agenda. Reiley announced that SRSLY received a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation to train volunteer facilitators for the Guiding Good Choices program. Coalition members nominated adults they know that would be good facilitators, and might be interested in getting trained.

**Nick B.**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student and new member of the Youth Steering Committee is our CTZN of the month for March. Nick joined the YSC after participating in the Youth Empowerment Solutions program at Beach. He was elected Membership Coordinator at the Annual Leadership Retreat in February. He has already started working on recruiting new members to the coalition. He also performed at the St. Patrick's Day Party at the library, along with his band "Liquid Plasma."

**Kudos Awards** were presented to all members who did something for the coalition in March, including volunteers who helped at the St. Patrick's Day Party, and the Youth Empowerment Solutions Program.

### II. **Presentation & Discussion: Emerging Needs in Chelsea – Bath Salts**

Members discussed "bath salts," a new designer drug that is being sold in Chelsea at the Smoker's Club. A fact sheet from the Michigan Department of Community Health was distributed. The sheet included information on how the product is packaged, sold, and abused, and the side effects of abuse. Coalition members agreed to distribute a petition to adults in Chelsea on behalf of SRSLY, with the goal of ending the sale of these synthetic designer drugs in our community. Reiley will draft a petition and members will collect signatures from adults in their neighborhoods, schools, and places of employment. The petition will be used as evidence to show that the community does not want bath salts or other designer drugs in Chelsea, and the Smoker's Club will be asked to stop selling these dangerous products.

### III. **Project Workgroups**

**Community Survey** – 2010 questions were reviewed and edited, and new questions were proposed for the 2011 survey. The electronic survey will be emailed out to the coalition listserve. Members are encouraged to forward the survey link to other community members in order to increase participation. A link to the survey will also be posted on the SRSLY website.

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**Social-norming Posters** – New posters were created with Chelsea data and pictures of Chelsea students and parents. Members took posters to display in the community at the library, schools, and other locations.

**Youth Empowerment Solutions projects** – Reiley and Erin explained the three YES team projects: A No Homework Day event to promote physical activity, a fundraiser to support a good cause, and an educational campaign to raise awareness of depression in youth and the causes.

**SRSLY Cinema** – Reiley updated members on the status of SRSLY Cinema planning, including the budget. Member organizations, including the Equestrian team and two church youth groups, and/or the YSC will be in charge of concessions and volunteers this summer. Group discussed movie lineup. Youth members support showing “Supersize Me,” which was a new addition to the proposed titles this year.

**SRSLY Active & SRSLY Cheers** – SRSLY members will attend a middle school track meet on May 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Adrian to cheer for the home team. Members will wear their SRSLY shirts. Members will select a Saturday in May to attend Chelsea Rec youth soccer games at Pierce Lake.

**SRSLY Cinco de Mayo Party** – The next coalition meeting falls on Cinco de Mayo, so members decided to make it a party instead of a meeting. Volunteers are going to make piñatas, and lead salsa dancing lessons. Edith will contact Age of Reason to invite them to perform for 15-20 minutes. If the weather is nice, Mr. Knight will bring waffle ball and kickball for games outside. All members are encouraged to bring friends and family.

**Recruiting Volunteers** – Members discussed how the coalition recruits and retains volunteers. All agreed that our goal is to have the whole community support SRSLY, even if not everyone wants to come to meetings or volunteer at events. But to get more people to help out at events, YSC member Madisen suggested we start doing targeted, personal invites and requests for volunteers, instead of mass email requests. Other members liked this idea, and agreed it would be easy to implement, and effective.

### Upcoming Events

- **SRSLY Friday** – April 15, Wear your SRSLY shirt!
- **Project Sticker Shock** - Thursday, April 28, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, meet at CHS main office
- **SRSLY Cinco de Mayo Party & Coalition Meeting**– Thursday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, WSEC Room 100

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