



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
January 12, 2010
9:30 a.m. – Noon
Eaton Intermediate School District**

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Cherie Anderson, GLPD
Anne Barna, BEDHD
Nancy Bernthal, ECSAAG staff
Victor Braatz, Recovery Month Coalition
Polly Brainerd, ECSAAG staff
Gail Duncan, Concerned citizen
Deb Frost, ESAP
Tom Jones, Friends of Chrystal
Bill Kennedy, Drug Court
Fred Koning, Charlotte PD
Alison Kulas, BEDHD
Nancy Oliver, Michigan Prison Re-entry Program
Gary Owen, ECSAAG staff
Mary Jo Pangborn, GL YES Center
Ronda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections
Heather Sanders, BEDHD
Wendy Sellers, EISD Prevention Specialist
Deb Somervill, CMH
Amanda Wildren, Charlotte HS
Jeanne Wright, Eaton County Commissioner

Welcome: Chair, Jeanne Wright

- Chairperson, Jeanne Wright called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. She presented housekeeping information and introductions followed, with agency announcements. Jeanne asked for approval of the meeting agenda. **Agenda approved.** The meeting minutes were approved with a small correction: 5 minutes, instead of 15 minutes, on the second page. Motion introduced by Anne Barna and seconded by Cherie Anderson. **Meeting minutes approved.**

New Business:

Action Items:

- Presentation by Wendy Sellers: Mandatory K-8 Health Education Goal Four: Tobacco calls for requiring K-8 Health Education as a strategy to reduce tobacco use through prevention education. Legislation has been introduced during 2009: a. Senate Bills 365 and 366, House Bills 4923 and 4924. These bills require 15 hours of health education a year k-5 and 50 hours a year 6-8. This would create space in the curriculum to implement tobacco prevention among other health education topics.

Wendy gave us a handout titled "Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan." This statewide coalition of multiple stakeholders formed to prevent childhood obesity. Year One priority was to strengthen requirements for teaching health education and physical education. They are seeking additional partners. She wondered if ECSAAG would sign on. She also let us know about a Legislative Advocacy Day on Feb. 24, 2010 and referred us to a handout in the packet. During the legislative day, Health Education and Physical Education supporters will do legislative visits. Register by Jan. 31 if you want to be scheduled into these visits. A press event will be held at noon at the Capitol to advance Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan goals. Wendy asked that:

- ECSAAG send a letter to legislators in support of SB 365 & 366 and HB 4923
- ECSAAG sign in support of HKHM
- ECSAAG members attend Feb. 24 press event and/or legislative day
- Deb Frost made a motion for staff to write a letter of support. Tom Jones seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Staff will craft a letter of support and bring back to ECSAAG. Wendy will forward electronic information to ECSAAG e-list.
- Presentation by Nancy Oliver: Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI)
Nancy was invited to present to ECSAAG by Victor Braatz. She gave an overview of the program and handed out brochures and materials. The MRPI is a public safety strategy based on 20 years of research on what works to help prisoners succeed when they return home. It strives to provide seamless services to prisoners from the first day of their sentence until they are released from prison and complete parole. It engages community groups as vital partners, lays out clear expectations for parolees and holds them accountable for their behavior through enhanced supervision.
- Choices Evaluation Results: Gary Owen presented highlights of the Choices Evaluation noting a copy of "Choices – PY 2008-2009 Evaluation Summary" was included in January's ECSAAG Meeting Packet. Gary noted that the decrease in Choices adolescent referrals corresponded to a rising number of adolescents requiring substance use treatment options, (thus, not appropriate for early intervention "Choices.") Gary noted that "Parent Satisfaction Surveys" confirmed that parents who completed were very satisfied with the programming. Efforts have been initiated to increase the referrals to Choices from Eaton Co. schools.
- DFC "Carry-Over Request": Sara Lurie was absent, so Gary Owen presented information about the DFC Carry-over funds request. A motion was requested from ECSAAG to request the use DFC "Carry-over Funds" for funding CADCA Conference Training (for capacity building in leadership), Law Enforcement, (MSP) to coordinate Tobacco Compliance Checks, contractual assistance with some aspects of the communication plan (social media material, brochure development, etc.) and LOA, (Life of an Athlete) Train the Trainers, June 3-6, 2010. **Motion carried.**
- **Updates**
 - Life of an Athlete: Gary Owen presented LOA update that John Underwood has committed to returning to Eaton County April 19-21, 2010. John Underwood will be working with Waverly, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge and Olivet School Districts. Gary will be responsible for working with these districts, focusing John

Underwood's presentations to meet district's needs and shaping John's itinerary during his visit in April.

- Meth State Task Force Meeting: Polly Brainerd reported on the Meth task force meeting that she attended on December 8, 2009. Please refer to the meeting updates, in the meeting packet. It appeared that the meth problem had been declining, but it is not. Meth cookers are using a simple one-pot method to manufacture meth.
- Suicide Prevention Grant: Suicide Prevention Committee Tom Jones updated the group on the activities of this committee. The committee submitted a 3-year grant and it will generate money for the education of school people and physicians, if funded. Word expected soon on the outcome of this grant proposal.
- Recovery Month Events: Victor Braatz reported on the activities of the Recovery Month Coalition. There will be a meeting tonight. All are welcome. The coalition is working on planning for the Recovery Fair in August and a Run/Walk on Father's Day and Labor Day, 2010.
- Recovery Oriented System of Care: Victor Braatz ROSC Advisory Group has been meeting to explore the peer-to-peer grant. We can write for up to 350,000/year, for four years. Money would be used to strengthen the Peer Recovery Support Services, specifically in Eaton County. Pilot activities are moving ahead with the current Mid-South grant.
- Eaton Rapids-ERASE: Sara Lurie was absent so Gary presented an update on ERASE activities. ERASE is hosting a parent meeting on January 19th at 7PM. The event is titled "Parents Teaching Parents about Underage Drinking and More..." Please refer to flyer in the meeting packet.
- Grand Ledge: Mary Jo Pangborn provided a handout with updates on CMCA, In-School Probation Program, Leadership and Resiliency Program and Parenting 911.
- Charlotte and Potterville: Gary Owen noted that Charlotte had a very good December meeting. Problem statements and Action Plans were completed. Of special note in reference to Alcohol Compliance Checks in Charlotte, the response (in police report) to selling to an underage person, "CLOSE ENOUGH, he's almost 21." Potterville is in the process of obtaining board approval to release most recent MiPHY data.
- Advocacy Updates: Nancy Bernthal asked coalition members to respond to the request for advocacy presented by Wendy Sellers. Nancy will send out materials electronically, to support this request. Nancy reported that BEDHD staff and ECSAAG staff will attend the MDCH Tobacco Section meeting at the Lansing Center on January 14th. Guidance will be given about how we can help with the preparation and enforcement of the smoke free regulation, that goes into effect on May 1st. Nancy also pointed out that Michigan leads the nation in efforts to establish smoke free housing opportunities. See press release in meeting packet.
- Creating a Culture of Health and Wellness: Alison Kulas presented information about an event that is coming up on February 5th, sponsored by the Eaton County Access to Health Initiative. Registration information is on the flyer, in the meeting packet. ECSAAG members encouraged to attend.

Mid South Updates: Nancy Bernthal

- MSSAC is applying for a ROSC grant. If the monies are granted, the pilot program in Eaton County would be funded to pay for a full-time coordinator, stipend some Peer Lifestyle Coaches and strengthen prevention connections.

In Ingham, the monies would be used to transform the treatment system. By the end of the 3-year grant cycle, learning would be applied to the 9 County region.

- Nancy discussed the Year-End Review received from MSSAC. Mostly positive feedback about the work of ECSAAG! Of course, there is always room for growth and improvement.
- Nancy asked coalition members to fill out the electronic or hard copy Coalition Self-Evaluation Survey, requested by MSSAC. Members and friends were instructed to fill out hard copies, before leaving the meeting, or to submit electronic surveys. Surveys due to MSSAC on January 27th. Staff will collate and submit to MSSAC.
- Virtual HS Request: Polly Brainerd. Polly told the group about the need for an educational experience for youth who drop out. A grant proposal will be written to form a Charter School that will provide a virtual experience for high school student drop-outs. Polly asked for a letter of support from ECSAAG. Deb Frost made a motion and Vic Braatz seconded it. **Motion carried**. Polly will draft the letter and get signatures from Jeanne or Loretta.
- PPS Annual Report: Nancy pointed out the PPS Annual Report, included in the meeting packet.

Closure:

Subgroups will meet today and Suicide and Data will meet later.

- Prescription Drug Abuse, and Tobacco Subgroup will meet today at 11:30 AM.
- Alcohol will briefly meet at 11:30 to plan and schedule the next sub-committee meeting
- Suicide Prevention Committee: 12 Noon today
- Data Committee: January, 13th at 1PM, EISD

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 9th, from 9:30- Noon at EISD