



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

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Cherie Anderson, GLPD/GLHS
Nancy Bernthal, EISD
Polly Brainerd, EISD
Gail Duncan, Citizen/Parent
Deb Frost, ESAP
Tom Jones, Friends of Chrystal
Fred Koning, CPD
Gary Owen, EISD
Mary Jo Pangborn, YES Center
Ronda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections
Dbra Somervill, CMH
Amanda Wildern, Charlotte High School
Loretta Williams, ECUW
Jeanne Wright, County Commissioner

Welcome: Chair or Chair-Elect: Jeanne Wright/Loretta Williams

- The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Chair, Jeanne Wright asked all present to give introductions and pertinent announcements. Jeanne shared housekeeping information and asked for approval of the meeting agenda. Tom Jones made a motion which was seconded by Heather Sanders. **Agenda approved.** Anne Barna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Tom Jones seconded and the **meeting minutes were approved.**

New Business:

- **Action Items:**
 - Jeanne led a discussion of the need for a timed agenda. A timed agenda was suggested by staff, in order to give enough time for subcommittee meetings after the full coalition meeting. A motion was made and seconded to try this next time. **Motion carried.** Anne Barna expressed a desire for the subgroups to meet on a different day, not after coalition meetings. It was decided that we would continue this discussion next month, to get further input from members and friends.
 - DFC Grant Continuation Proposal: Gary Owen reported the DFC (Drug Free Communities) Grant submission, for the 5th year of a 5 year cycle, is nearly complete. Submission of the grant extension is expected to be completed by the February 22, 2010 due date.

- Jeanne suggested that we move the SDFS agenda item forward to next month.
Motion carried.

- **Updates**

- Communication Plan: Nancy Bernthal reported that the Communications Committee had an initial meeting. Sara, Nancy and Loretta met to discuss the plan that was submitted to MSSAC. Since meeting minutes were lost, Nancy asked again for members who wished to serve on the committee. They are: Cherie Anderson, Anne Barna, Loretta Williams, Jeanne Wright. Loretta reported that she made a fan page on Facebook for ECSAAG and encouraged members to check it out and become fans. Loretta will manage this site.
- Life of an Athlete: Gary Owen reported LOA tentative plans have been completed in Waverly, Grand Ledge, Eaton Rapids and Olivet for John Underwood's visit to Mid-Michigan April 19, 20 & 21, 2010. All four communities are really excited and are participating in the preparation and planning for Mr. Underwood's LOA presentations and programming.
- Suicide Prevention Grant: Tom Jones reported for the Suicide Prevention Committee. Sadly, they did not receive the suicide grant from MDCH. Feedback is expected by the end of the month.
- Recovery Month Events: Victor Braatz was absent, so there was no report this month.
- Recovery Oriented System of Care: Victor Braatz was absent, so there was no report.
- Eaton Rapids-ERASE: Gary Owen reported the "Parents (teaching) to Parents" programming, presented last month was well received with 10 parents attending January's ERASE presentation. ERASE invites parents from other communities to participate in upcoming parent training.
- Grand Ledge: Mary Jo Pangborn provided a report about the activities in Grand Ledge: Parenting 911, CMCA, Life of an Athlete, Reach Out Now Teach In, Photo Voices and Leadership and Resiliency Program.
- Charlotte and Potterville: Gary Owen reported that both Charlotte and Potterville are moving forward in supporting and implementing "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most" programming. Sadly, Potterville school administrators reported that Potterville will not be able to participate in 2010 MiPHY Student Survey. Potterville noted a lack of resources and time as reasons for not participating. EISD Prevention Staff will explore options to address Potterville's concerns in hopes of Potterville reconsider the decision and agree to participate in the MiPHY.
- Advocacy Updates: Nancy Bernthal gave several advocacy updates:
 - Michigan bars and restaurants will be going smoke free on May 1st. Heather Sanders volunteered to send a press release to the Community newspapers about smoke free restaurants in Eaton County. Deb Frost made a motion and Loretta Williams seconded it. **Motion carried.** Anne Barna informed us that BEDHD attended the MDCH training to change the work plan for the rest of the funding year, in light of the new legislation. Volunteers from the coalition will be needed to support the smoking ban at local events in May. BEDHD staff will be trained to give a power point presentation about the new law and will be able to present this information to ECSAAG, in April.

- Nancy will write advocacy letters to appropriate legislators, before Lobby Day on February 24th, regarding mandatory K-8 health education. Cherie made a motion and Tom Jones seconded it. **Motion carried.**
- Nancy brought up Alison Kulas' request that we support the smoke free parks initiative, in Eaton County. Much discussion followed. Jeanne said she would look into the Parks committee structure and report back with proper protocol. We decided to table this issue until next month. Ronda Rucker made a motion which was seconded by Heather Sanders. **Motion carried.**
- Mid South Updates: Nancy Bernthal reviewed the MSSAC County Coalition Self-Evaluation Survey. Nancy suggested that we have a standing agenda item to consider the topics on this evaluation and spend a few minutes at each meeting discussing them, in order to improve our coalition. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM to subgroup meetings:

- Alcohol Committee: 11:30 today
- Meth/Prescription Drug Abuse: 11:30 today
- Suicide Prevention Committee: 12 Noon today
- Data Committee: March 10th at 1PM, EISD
- Tobacco Subgroup: 11:30 today

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 13th, from 9:30- Noon** at EISD