



**Eaton County Substance Abuse  
Advisory Group  
February 10, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – Noon p.m.  
Eaton Intermediate School District  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

Cherie Anderson, Grand Ledge Police Department  
Anne Barna, BEDHD  
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD  
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD  
Gail Duncan, Community Member  
Dur Efaw, Barry/Eaton  
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program  
Heather Helman, Hillsdale County Coalition Coordinator  
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD  
Gary Owen, Eaton ISD  
Christine Richardson, Grand Ledge YES Center and Restorative Justice  
Heather Sanders, Barry-Eaton District Health Department  
Ronda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections  
Deb Somervill, Eaton Counseling Center

Cherie called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and facilitated introductions. Agenda for the meeting was reviewed, Nancy requested to add tobacco update to New Business and Sara requested to add update on grant writing projects. Deb Frost made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Heather Sanders seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.** Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Ronda Rucker made motion to approve minutes as written and Ronda Rucker seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Social Networking and Internet Training.**

Based on discussion from last month, staff has contacted LaDonna Coy at Learning for Change, Inc to facilitate a Webinar for ECSAAG Members and other interested Eaton County Stakeholders on using Web-based Social Media Technologies in Prevention. It will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 p.m. The webinar allows participants to be part of the training from their own computer or if they prefer they can come to EISD to participate. Registration information will be forwarded as soon as all of the details are worked out.

### **Discussion of Potential Meeting Date Change in April**

Jeanne Wright was unable to attend today, however she wanted to alert us that there a potential conflict with a health summit planned for April in Eaton County. Our health department representatives present at the meeting today indicated that plans are not yet finalized. Cherie suggested that we take this up again at our March meeting when the Health Summit dates may be more established.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SPF-SIG**

Sara handed out the proposed logic model for the SPF SIG submission for coalition input. She reminded everyone that we our Eaton activities must target Underage Drinking. Coalition members reviewed the Logic Model and offered some suggestions on evaluation measures to be incorporated.

Heather Helman is the Hillsdale Coordinator and was visiting our meeting. Hillsdale has been a recipient of SPF SIG funds previously to Eaton and she gave an overview of SPF SIG activities in Hillsdale County to target Underage Drinking and Reduce Traffic Crash Fatalities. They are implementing the RUADD program, School Policy Development, Working with law enforcement and prosecutor to deal with enforcement issues. Doing a big vendor education seminar that includes liability and dealing with transportation issues for bar patrons.

Anne Barna moved that we go forward with completion of SPF SIG  
Deb Frost seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

#### **DFC Continuation Grant Proposal**

Sara presented that the DFC continuation proposal is in the works and is due on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are following the grant 5 year work plan targeting additional communities in Eaton County County each year for local prevention planning efforts that are linked with the ECSAAG Strategic Plan. Next targeted communities will be Bellevue and Olivet in 2009-2010.

#### **Data Committee Update**

Will be compiling the information on suspension and expulsion, policies and PNA data to share with each school district in the county. Each district will have their own data compared with the counties. Anne has been doing little Data in Action Reports of the school data with talking points. Looking at Mid-South Regional Data and deciding what to collect in addition to this. Working on expansion of our evaluation and how we want to put in a structure for really evaluating our progress on the strategic plan. Anne has been able to see a pattern of depression in youth in districts in our county and Polly and Anne will be taking this data to the Kids Network for further discussion and planning. The data has been shared with the Eaton County Commissioners and the Eaton County Human Services Collaborative Council. Dur has asked if there is data collection about income that can be related to the youth data. Anne indicated no there is no data of this sort collected in the youth survey for a variety of reasons.

## **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Say Yes To No**

Sara shared the book and discussion guide available to coalition members who would like to arrange for a community conversation in their community or agency. Several members were interested and had ideas on groups to target. They included: Grand Ledge Parents Group, Eaton Counseling Center, WIC Program, ESAP, CMH at the Jail. Sara gave books and discussion guide example to Cherie Anderson, Deb Somervill, Anne Barna/Heather Sanders and Deb Frost so that they could further explore the possibility in their organizations.

### **Grand Ledge CMCA Update**

Chris Richardson reviewed the progress that has been made. They have reviewed MiPHY data and noted that substance use is on the rise in Grand Ledge Middle Schools. They are implementing some ideas to get education to the Middle Schools since this is missing. They have expanded the Leadership and Resiliency to afterschool programs on Life Skills pulled together.

### **Eaton Rapids Alliance for Substance Abuse Elimination (ERASE) Group Update**

ERASE presented information at the Asset Building in our Community (ABC) Strut Your Stuff Talent Show. These two groups are trying to work more closely together and to support each other's efforts. ERASE is also looking at participating in the National Teach In by training Community Leaders and High School Youth to do a presentation to enhance the current ATOD education in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. They are also gearing up for another Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign this spring in the community.

### **Charlotte and Potterville Prevention Planning Groups**

Gary will be holding a 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Charlotte with key school and community stakeholders to work on their local prevention plan. Potterville will be holding an organizational meeting in March.

Gary also reported that he was contacted by District Court Judge Reinke to discuss substance abuse prevention resources in Eaton County. She is seeing financial stress and pressures building up and an increase in substance abuse as a result. She is concerned about the cost of PBTs and drug testing for court involved individuals who are already experiencing great financial hardship. Cherie also echoed that last Saturday, Grand Ledge had 65 people showing up on Saturday for court ordered PBT's at \$3 per test. She has seen this financial hardship lead to violations in which they end up in jail. Ronda Rucker also mentioned that we have families court ordered into other programs that they cannot afford. Discussed high cost of alcohol related offense in general and tendency for probation to assign a high number of requirements. We will put this back on the agenda to discuss court and treatment issues for substance abuse offenses.

### **No Advocacy Updates**

**Tobacco Updates**

Nancy called our attention to the article in Early Childhood Connections Newspaper insert. She shared that a Tri-County Tobacco Strategic Planning Sessions have been scheduled that will include Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Coalitions in the development of a plan to be incorporated in future efforts. Flier is available and everyone is encouraged to participate or pass on the information to other interested parties.

Dur Efav reported on BEDHD Smoke Free Air activities. He indicated that BEDHD has prepared an Educational CD that will be distributed to all Barry-Eaton Restaurants regarding enacting smoke free policies and to educate them on the benefits of going smoke free.