



**Eaton County Substance Abuse  
Advisory Group  
February 12, 2008  
9:30 a.m. – Noon  
Eaton Intermediate School District  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

Cherie Anderson, Grand Ledge Police Department  
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD  
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD  
Harriett Dean, Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition  
Gail Duncan, Eaton County United Way  
Dur Efaw, Barry-Eaton District Health Department  
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program  
Sheriff Deputy Don Haga, Eaton County Sheriff Department  
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD  
Gary Owen, Eaton ISD  
Ellen Rinck, City of Grand Ledge  
Ronda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections  
Gary Vittoz, Vittoz Computer Consulting

Cherie called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and facilitated introductions

Agenda was reviewed, Harriett Dean made a motion to approve and Deb Frost seconded.  
**Motion carried.**

Review of minutes, Nancy corrected the spelling of restaurant Cugino's Harriett Dean made a motion that the minutes be accepted . Deb Frost seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Alcohol Compliance

Nancy reported that there have been a series of articles in the Delta-Waverly Newspaper and referred to the first two in our packet today. The reporter went beyond our intent by identifying the offenders and interviewing them, however this allowed them to have a say and explain. Chairperson, Jeanne Wright sent an editorial response that was publicized this week, stressing the positive intent and support available for vendors. Every vendor who sold was revisited and provided with additional support and resources. Gary shared that vendors had a variety of responses and arguments for why they sold. He felt the

success was getting everyone on the same page in agreeing that we all want to keep alcohol out of the hands of underage youth.

#### ECSAAG Member Survey

Polly reported that the member survey is available on-line and asked those who haven't completed the survey to please complete it so that we can finalize the results and report back at a future meeting. To date, we have 15 individuals who have completed the survey. Ronda inquired as to how she would know whether she had completed the survey. Polly indicated that you must hit the submit button for it to be completed otherwise it will show up as in-progress.

#### Website Re-design

Gary Vittoz showed us the redesigned website, which is now live. He shared some thoughts on how we could use additional people for input on the website. Banner Ads-if any artistic members want to produce some banner ads with links to other pages or websites they can send them directly to Gary. The Alerts and Press Release section provides space for publicizing urgent and timely things and they can be sent to Gary for placement on the Web-site. Members Only Section includes ECSAAG documents and forms, image resources and GIS Maps. Sara indicated that there will also be New Member Orientation Section added to the members only section. Gary suggested that we could add a list-serve section and this would eliminate the entire group list that currently shows up on e-mail correspondence. Group discussed the pros and cons of going to a list-serve system and decided to allow staff to decide. Ronda asked about what format to send banner ads in, Gary explained that best is using a graphics program and creating it in J-Peg file, 180 pixels wide. Ronda will send a banner ad that would connect it to Early Childhood Connections Site. Ellen will send a banner ad to link with the Grand Ledge Parents Who Host Lose the Most Website and Safe Prom information. Any press releases that members send out will be forwarded to Gary for placement on the website. Members expressed much appreciation for Gary's efforts on our website development.

#### Town Hall Meetings

Eaton Rapids Alliance for Substance Abuse Elimination will be holding their Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Greyhound Intermediate School. Currently in the planning stages. Targeting youth 5<sup>th</sup>-grade on up and their parents. Event will include fun contests for youth, guest speakers that include a Eaton Rapids Medical Center Emergency Room Physician and Gary Owen-speaking on not getting taken in by alcohol ads. VIPs will be invited such as Mayor, Police Chief, Judge, Prosecutor and School Superintendent.

Ellen Rinck reported that Grand Ledge is not hosting a Town Hall Meeting this year. She shared the new publicity information for the Parents Who Host Lose the Most Campaign that included brochures, cards and magnets. All of the materials include phone number for Eaton County dispatch for reporting concerns related to underage drinking and are usable across the county, not just specifically to Grand Ledge.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### CADCA Logic Model Development

Sara introduced Harriett Dean, Staff to Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention (ISAP) coalition. She presented a powerpoint that she created for ISAP on the CADCA model.

This is the model used by Drug Free Communities and now introduced in Michigan through the SPF-SIG process. We used the model in developing our Drug Free Community Grant-but not all current members were involved in this original effort. She also shared the ISAP Logic Model that was developed this year.

#### Drug Free Community Grant Renewals

Sara handed out our currently existing Drug Free Community Grant Logic Model that was created based on the CADCA format two years ago and revised last year. She explained that we are currently preparing for our renewal and she would like membership input regarding the logic model and workplan. After reviewing the logic model she feels that further efforts are needed in engaging youth in ECSAAG efforts to create a youth movement in Eaton County. Discussed strategies for coordination with currently existing youth prevention activities and engaging them in a special ECSAAG project and/or recognizing their prevention efforts in the county. Sara asked that members review the logic model further and forward any further input to her via e-mail at slurie@eaton.k12.mi.us. She also encouraged members to join the Alcohol Subcommittee Meeting today to assist in the development of the Drug Free Community Grant Workplan for the renewal due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Mid-South updates

Joel sends his appreciation for ECSAAG efforts in recognizing local restaurants when they go smoke free. He was especially pleased to see in our minutes last month that Cugino's Restaurant in Grand Ledge had gone smoke-free as this is one of his favorite restaurants and he had previously suggested to the owners that they consider going smoke-free.

##### Prevention Surveys

Sara shared that the five Eaton County Schools that are part of Eaton Intermediate School District service area have committed to taking the MIPHY, but that there is no word yet from Olivet, Bellevue and Waverly on their commitment. Also, if Waverly, Grand Ledge, and Eaton Rapids also take the PNA they will have 3 years of PNA trend data. PNA will be offered for the last time in Fall 2008.

##### Prevention Advocacy

Nancy updated us on the status of the smokefree michigan bill currently in the Governmental Operations Committee of the Senate. Senator Bishop has received much correspondence urging him to take this legislation to the floor for a vote and he has indicated that he will be scheduling hearings. She urged us to continue contacting Senator Bishop individually to express our opinion.

Governor Grantholm proposed budget for 2009 leaves the Healthy Michigan Fund intact. Ellen Rinck made motion and Deb Frost seconded the motion to send a letter to Governor thanking her for leaving the Healthy Michigan Fund intact. **Motion Carried**

Sara asked everyone to review the handout on President Bush's proposed budget for 2009. Cuts that may impact ECSAAG efforts include proposed deep cuts to Safe and Drug Free Schools State Grants and Drug Free Community Grants. We will be forwarding information as we receive it.

Meth and Other Drug Forum

Gary and Nancy presented to the Police Chiefs at their meeting ECSAAG sponsoring a workshop on The Changing Face of Meth and Prescription Drug Abuse for Law Enforcement and Community Members. Tony Saucedo and Tim Gill would be presenters along with ECSAAG Data Committee members. We are recruiting potential Law Enforcement Agency partners to host the workshop at their facility.

The meeting was adjourned to sub-committees at 11:33.

**The next ECSAAG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Eaton Intermediate School District.**