



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
March 11, 2008
9:30 a.m. – Noon
Eaton Intermediate School District
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Martha Adams, UAW/General Motors
Anne Barna, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD
Gail Duncan, Eaton County United Way
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Joel Hoepfner, Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission
Bill Kennedy, SAFE-T Program
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD
Gary Owen, Eaton ISD
Ellen Rinck, City of Grand Ledge
Heather Sanders, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Jeanne Wright, Eaton County Commission

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and facilitated introductions.

Agenda-Nancy requested an addition to three tobacco items under New Business, Action items. Sara Lurie moved to approve and Gail Duncan seconded. **Motion Carried**

Review of minutes: Jeanne asked for clarification of the youth movement sentence in the minutes, Sara provided a more detailed explanation. Heather Sanders moved the minutes be accepted as written and Gail Duncan seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Alcohol Compliance Follow-up

Nancy and Gary have tracked the outcomes for the 15 establishments that sold and created a grid that tracks the outcomes through to the outcome of the citation and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission fines. Nancy will be giving this as a final report tomorrow to the Police Chief's meeting.

ECSAAG Member Survey

Polly reported that the results have been compiled and appear overall positive. It will be reviewed by the Data Committee tomorrow and reported on at the April meeting.

Memorandums of Understanding

Nancy read off a list of those MOUs that have been received to date. Bill Kennedy will work with Court Administration to determine what entities are covered and will get the MOU signed. Heather Sanders will work with BEDHD to get the MOU signed and returned.

CADCA Leadership Training

Jeanne reported on sessions she attended. She was especially interested in the sessions related to adolescent brain development and hopes that parents will attend the upcoming Town Hall Meetings and learn more about how their behaviors may impact their teens.

Grand Ledge CMCA

Grand Ledge CMCA members are working hard to create a presence in the community regarding Parents Who Host Lose the Most. Ellen has lots of materials (brochures, magnets, cards) that will be distributed widely in the community. A billboard that states Don't Be a Party to Teen Drinking will be going up during the month of April, 2008 as part of the campaign.

ERASE Town Hall Meeting/Parents Who Host Lose the Most

Sara reported that plans are coming together for the Town Hall on Underage Drinking in Eaton Rapids on March 27th at 7 p.m. at Greyhound Intermediate School District. She indicated that the ERASE members are taking a lot of ownership for the event. They are meeting on March 15th with about 40 Eaton Rapids High School students who are members of the Interact Group to share some of the district PNA data and to facilitate focus groups. The youth input will be incorporated into the Town Hall Meeting. They have also met with school counselors at GIS, Middle School and High School to get their input and involvement in the event. Chief Malewski has invited a number of VIP's such as Prosecutor Jeffrey Sauter, Judge Julie Reincke, and Jamie Davidson, Eaton Rapids Mayor. Dr. Janet Eng, an Emergency Room Physician will be speaking as will Gary Owen, EISD Prevention Specialist. Sara encouraged ECSAAG members to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Scans

Sara reported that efforts are underway to update our Resource Scan in collaboration with 211. Sara met with Suzanne Eman from Capital Area United Way. The tentative plan involves ECSAAG providing the list of resources we would like 211 to update. ECSAAG staff will provide 211 with training on the 9-D form. 211 staff will update the form, create an access database with the information and make the information available through the 211 system. PPS and Grand Ledge will continue to update forms for their programs and will provide them to 211 for inclusion on the database. Sara handed out a list of Eaton County resources that were previously scanned and asked members to add new resources or indicate if resources on the list no longer exist and return it to her.

Recognition Event

Nancy passed around a nomination form for recognition awards to be given at our annual Luncheon Meeting to be held in May.

MDCH Tobacco

Sara updated the group on MDCH request that ECSAAG continue to build community readiness in Eaton County for Smoke-free environments. A Community Assessment was completed by the ECSAAG Tobacco Committee last year, it showed a more favorable political climate in the county for introduction of a smoke-free air ordinance, however we reported to MDCH that we did not feel there was not enough community support for this yet. MDCH Tobacco Section staff met with BEDHD Health Officer who also indicated additional community readiness was needed. When Eaton County is ready to pursue the ordinance BEDHD would be the likely recipient of MDCH funding as it would also involve effort in Barry County as well.

Tobacco Checks

Nancy passed around list of local tobacco vendors and asked people to add any information that they may be aware of regarding new tobacco vendors in the county that are not on the list.

Mid-South Updates

Joel updated on the progress of Regional planning efforts. He also reported that Mid-South is preparing for 2008 implementation of the Prevention Needs Assessment.

DFCG Submitted

Sara reported that the Drug Free Community Grant Continuation proposal was submitted on time. The plan for 2008-2009 calls for continued work in reaching out to local communities for local planning efforts that are aligned to ECSAAG goals.

Surveys

To date only Eaton Rapids has signed on to take the MiPHY survey. Schools have to the end of the school year to complete the survey. The PNA survey will be offered in fall, 2008 and Sara will be attending point person training on March 26th at Mid-South.

Advocacy

Jeanne shared that she had spoken with Senator Stabenow regarding the proposed cuts to Safe and Drug Free Schools and Drug Free Community Grants in the president's budget proposal for 2009. She was reassured that this was unlikely to happen, however Jeanne urged everyone to talk with their legislators and express their opinion.

Sara suggested that ECSAAG examine the issue of medical marijuana to become more informed and to possibly state a position as it will be on the ballot in November. There was discussion on sources to examine related to the topic such as statements by other national organizations that support Medical Marijuana or are against it, the verbiage of the proposed law, outcomes in other states after medical marijuana has been allowed. Staff will research this for a future meeting topic.

Meth and Other Drug Forum

Gary Owen reported that as a result of the input from the Police Chiefs, Charlotte Police Department will be hosting Frontline Worker training on the Changing Face of Drug Use in Eaton County. They are scheduled for April 30th at Charlotte Police Department; it will consist of 2 sessions, 8:30-11:30, daytime and 1:30-4:30 p.m. for local law enforcement agencies.

Other Announcements

Martha Adams reported that Sparrow Hospital has closed the residential substance abuse unit leaving a tremendous gap of services in our community.

Ellen Rinck announced that there will be Fund Raiser at Lansing Country Club for YES Center and Rotary Foundation on March 15th and on March 17th there is also a YES Center Spaghetti Lunch Fund Raiser 11 a.m-8 p.m. at the Grand Ledge A & W. City of Grand Ledge Title V program has been nominated to be featured in OJJDP's report to Congress.

Social Justice Facilitation training-Anne Barna just finished the second weekend of this training which will help to look at the root causes of health inequities. She will facilitate dialogue on this issue over the next year.