



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
April 15, 2008
9:30 a.m. – Noon
Eaton Intermediate School District
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Scott Achenback, Cognitive Consultants
Victor Bratz, Eaton County Recovery Month Coalition
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
Dur Efaw, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
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
Christine Richardson, Grand Ledge High School Restorative Justice Coordinator
Ellen Rinck, City of Grand Ledge
Wendy Sellers, Eaton ISD
Deb Somerville, Eaton County Counseling Center
Jeanne Wright, Eaton County Commission

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

Polly Brainerd asked to add a brief data report to new business. Bill Kennedy asked for modification to minutes stating “attempt to get MOU signed” instead of will get MOU signed. Deb Frost made motion to approve both agenda and minutes with modifications and Ellen Rinck seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

ECSAAG Member Survey

Polly explained the purpose of the survey to gain self-reflection. After several attempts to get participation in survey the final count was 22. Polly reviewed the results of the survey included in the packet. There was some discussion on lack of attendance at monthly meetings and on low interest in early intervention services. Sara indicated that while there is increased activity in local communities, we have not been successful in drawing these

member to attending our monthly ECSAAG meetings on a regular basis. Regarding early intervention, there was some discussion that currently early intervention needs are being met with the assistance of Eaton County Juvenile Justice Millage funding.

Polly reported on data committee discussion. Data committee requests that we plan our September meeting to devote completely to data review in preparation for Strategic planning next year. Ellen added that there was an idea on doing a two part meeting. First part would review all available data and invite other community stakeholders to attend and second part would be an ECSAAG review and identification of needs for our next strategic plan. Deb Frost commented on the benefits of bringing others to the table to review the existing data for use in their own roles. Cherie also commented on the emphasis on data in all areas.

Ellen Rinck made a motion that we dedicate our September meeting where we present data, discuss it and recruit other community stakeholder to attend. Deb Frost seconded.
Motion Carried.

ERASE Town Hall Meeting

Sara thanked ECSAAG members who came to support ERASE Town Hall meeting and asked for their thoughts on the event. Deb Frost thought it was well organized but was disappointed with turnout. Anne Barna indicated that she would have liked to see more dialogue and discussion of next steps. Sara reported on the behind the scenes efforts of ERASE members who made important connections in the community while preparing for the Town Hall. ERASE was pleased with the turnout for a first attempt. There were 51 people present.

Tobacco Compliance Efforts

Nancy indicated that ECSAAG member, Gail Duncan was hired by EISD to serve as alcohol/tobacco compliance facilitator. Gail will be providing vendor education to approximately 40 vendors in Eaton County. This will be followed up with Tobacco Compliance checks in coordination with local law enforcement agencies. The goal is to complete this activity

May Celebration Luncheon

This will occur on May 20th at EISD. Nancy will send out invitations and encouraged each of us to bring a new person to the luncheon.

Recovery Month-Victor Bratz

Last year organized as a coalition with community members and other community stakeholders in planning some activities to raise funds for PA2 funded programs in the county. Activities last year included a dunk tank at Frontier days and 5K walk/run. This year the run will be on September 1st. Recovery Month Coalition Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Charlotte City Hall. Mothers Day breakfast is first fundraiser of the year. Last year 8 proclamations were passed. Proclamations will be sought from all Eaton County communities for recovery month activities. There will be a Recovery Month Rally at the Capitol. Coalition is also working with MSU to hold a recovery fair for Mid-Michigan. Community Forum event is another Recovery Month event they are planning and are looking to target Grand Ledge area for this forum. Kick-off will be August 29th at 9 a.m. at Charlotte City Hall. Recovery Month Rally at Capitol will feature speakers. Victor would like ECSAAG to help get the word out about events.

STOP-ACT Grant

Sara presented that we are eligible to apply for the STOP Act Grant. Ideas for engaging youth in underage drinking prevention activities were discussed. Cherie moved that we apply for the STOP Act grant and Bill seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Michigan Model Presentation

Wendy Sellers presented an overview of the Michigan Model for Health Curriculum. Michigan Model for Health addresses the six CDC Health Risk Behaviors that impact youth. It is a skills based curriculum covering K-12. Overview included scope of services. To date, K-5th grade curriculum has been revised with 6th grade out next year. Wendy reported that new evaluation results are due in the fall on a current longitudinal evaluation study of 4-5 grade curriculums. All schools in Eaton county have access to free Michigan Model Training and materials (when funding allows) through their participation in the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Comprehensive School Health Consortia.

Advocacy Updates

Wendy provided a handout on advocacy efforts needed on a federal level (Safe and Drug Free School Funding), State of Michigan Healthy Michigan Funds, (Comprehensive School Health Education Funding and Tobacco Prevention funding). She also highlighted pending legislation in the Senate on smoke-free workplace (including bars and restaurants) and medical marijuana ballot proposal for November.

Upcoming meetings and events

- Social Norming presentation is Thursday, May 1st at Holiday Inn South 9 am-4p.m.
- American Cancer Society Lobby Day on Tuesday, May 13th (NO ECSAAG MEETING).
- Next ECSAAG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 9:30-11:30 and Celebration Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Cherie Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.