



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
May 12, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Eaton Intermediate School District
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Martha Adams, UAW/General Motors EAP
Anne Barna, BEDHD
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD
Claudia Brown, ERASE and ABC Assets
Gail Duncan, Community Member
Dur Efaw, Barry/Eaton
Connie Fast, General Federation Women's Club
Judy Foss, Eaton Rapids Public Schools
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Jack Jesse, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Bill Kennedy, Eaton County Courthouse
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD
Gary Owen, Eaton ISD
Christine Richardson, Grand Ledge YES Center and Restorative Justice
Ronda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections
Steve Tackett, Barry Eaton District Health Department
Gary Vittoz, Vittoz Computer Consultants
Loretta Williams, Eaton County United Way
Jeanne Wright, County Commissioner

Special Guests:

Stacy Priesman, Eaton Rapids Interact Club Advisor
Anna Hodges, Eaton Rapids Interact Club Member
Preston Mayes, Eaton Rapids Interact Club Member
Morgan Earley, Eaton Rapids Interact Club Member
Jenna Barningham, Eaton Rapids Interact Club Member
Tom Hewitt, The Gavel Restaurant Owner
Sylvia Colles, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte
Sara Biskie, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte
Al Widner, Eaton Intermediate School District Superintendent
Lisa Lafferty, Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery
Dianne Guass, Dimondale Home Culture Club
Annette Mathews, Dimondale Home Culture Club

Introductions and Announcements

Jeanne Wright called the meeting in order at 9:45 a.m Jeanne asked Connie to show the prescription medication. Jeanne facilitated introductions and asked for us to include any agency announcements along with our introduction.

Approval of Agenda

Nancy requested the addition of Potterville Teens Against Tobacco Use. Ronda Rucker moved the approval of agenda with changes, Deb Frost seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

Approval of Minutes

Deb Frost made motion to approve minutes with changes. Loretta Williams seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business-None

New Business

Everyone participated in identifying ECSAAG Successes and Challenges.

Successes

- Keeping smoke free workplace bill in play
- Tremendous Response to Safe Disposal Efforts
- Continuation of Choices Program and this model have been adopted by other counties
- Alateen Group in the works for Grand Ledge
- Availability of information for use by other agencies
- Better job of getting information out in newspapers
- Spreading awareness of medicine abuse, problem awareness, safe disposal and what to do to secure medications
- Data Reporting
- Smoke Free Restaurant Initiative through BEDHD has resulted in increased restaurants going smoke free in Eaton County
- Tri-County Regional Tobacco Prevention Plan
- Choices Early Intervention Program-screen aspect also identified youth in need of treatment and shift the paradigm to early intervention in our community.
- Strengthening of community prevention groups
- Good reviews from Mid-South. Eaton is further along than some other counties
- Coalition has become bigger than those around the table for Monthly meetings
- Continuation of alcohol and tobacco vendor education and checks
- Safe Prom initiatives
- Grand Ledge Police Department hosting a Frontline Law Enforcement Training
- Expertise of this group in substance abuse prevention has been expanded for use in other areas such as suicide prevention.

- Increased awareness of dangers of marijuana despite the passage of medical marijuana
- Increased support to Recovery Month initiatives.
- Webinar on Technology in Prevention
- Say Yes To No Parenting Community Conversations
- Olivet College interest in a health survey

Challenges

- Reducing violations in tobacco and alcohol compliance
- Mobilizing the outer areas of the county such as Olivet, Bellevue, Vermontville
- Getting the word out about our efforts, accessing the right forms of media
- Tailoring our messages to families with young children
- Continue to educate on the harm of marijuana
- Economics could threaten staffing in the future
- Finding the best ways to present the data in useful ways
- Defining, measuring and marketing our success. Feedback within the community is needed.
- Getting parental buy-in for the programs that are available
- Bringing more people in and more media coverage.
- Continued growth and momentum.
- Capturing cross jurisdictional boundaries data.
- Documenting evaluation in a meaningful way.
- Economic climate is creating lots of stress on families, this impacts schools and service delivery systems.

Smoke Free Restaurant Initiative-Dur Efav presented information on the Barry Eaton District Health Department project to educate restaurants on the benefits of going smoke free. They are using an educational CD and personal discussion regarding the potential of their establishment going smoke free. It is implemented by the environmental health department. They have visited 65 vendors to date resulting in several changing their policies. They anticipate finishing all vendor visits by September. Dur indicates that it is surprising how many vendors say they wish that the statewide ban would pass. BEDHD will continue to educate restaurateurs beyond the scope of the project. When state smoke free laws pass they will also use it to educate on how to successfully make the transition.

Prescription Drug Recovery-Connie Fast presented on the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte efforts on the campaign. Brochure was modeled after an effort by Delta Counties Women's Club. The effort has expanded to include safe disposal days and safe storage. Lisa Lafferty from Eaton County Resource Recovery has helped to arrange the disposal days and Polly Brainerd has been instrumental in getting the information out to schools.

Eaton County Drug Treatment Court Presentation-Bill Kennedy

Bill reviewed the 10 key components of drug courts that is the foundation for all the drug courts in our county. There are six problem solving treatment courts in

Eaton County. Bill provided a handout with information on each existing drug court in Eaton County. and explained the focus of each drug. Bill also shared some of the successes of the Family Drug Court.

Community Initiative Updates

Eaton Rapids ERASE

Sara reported that High School Students from the Interact Group along with their advisor Stacy Priesman will be here immediately before lunch to present on their efforts implementing the Reach Out Now Teach In Lessons at the Middle School. 30 youth were involved, supported by ERASE Members in this effort. They will also present on their Safe Prom activities.

Grand Ledge CMCA

Chris Richardson reported that Grand Ledge CMCA completed several successful Safe Prom Activities including the distribution of Parent Who Host Lose the Most materials, Safe Prom Materials to vendors and students and has been meeting to plan initiatives for next year.

Charlotte Prevention Group

Gary Owen reported that a group has formed in Charlotte and they are working on their plan for inclusion in the ECSAAG Implementation Plan for 2009-2010.

Potterville

Gary reported that he has had several meetings with key school leaders regarding the data and they will soon be inviting community involvement.

Tobacco and Advocacy Updates

Nancy Bernthal reported that the draft of the Regional Strategic Plan for Tobacco Prevention is in our meeting packets and she asked us to take a look at the plan. This was a joint planning process with Ingham, Clinton and Eaton Coalitions and recommendations from the plan will be used to forward tri-county tobacco prevention efforts.

Mid South Updates Next ECSAAG Meeting

Cara DeNuccio, Prevention Assistant will be leaving Mid-South and moving to Ste. Sault Marie in June. Cara has been a great asset to our efforts and will be missed.

Meeting was adjourned to committees at 11:30 a.m.