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

Present:

Anne Barna, BEDHD
Victor Braatz, Recovery Network
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD
Gail Duncan, Parent and Community Member
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
Ronda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections
Deb Somerville, Eaton Counseling Center
Scott Struck, Eaton Counseling Center
Loretta Williams, Eaton County United Way
Jeanne Wright, County Commissioner

Special Guests:

Tom Jones, First Congregational Church
Stacy Gatz, Eaton ISD
Fran Eaton, Friends of Chrystal
Michelle Hubbell, Friends of Chrystal
Christine Eaton, Friends of Chrystal

Introductions and Announcements

Jeanne Wright called the meeting in order at 9:35 a.m. Jeanne facilitated introductions and asked for us to include any agency announcements along with our introduction.

Approval of Agenda

Deb Frost moved the approval of agenda with changes, Jack Jesse seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

Approval of Minutes

In regards to the May minutes, Deb Frost suggested the addition of “brochures and posters” to the Introduction Section following Medicine Abuse, now to read “Jeanne asked Connie to show the prescription medication brochures and posters.” Deb Frost made motion to approve minutes with changes. Anne Barna seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business

STOP Act Grant

Sara reported that the grant was written and submitted on time. If awarded it will enhance our Drug Free Community Grant efforts on youth engagement by providing the funding for county wide FACE “Take it Back” Training to engage youth in developing underage drinking prevention initiatives in their local communities.

Drug Free Communities Grant Site Review

Review was completed on June 3rd. LaVencia Sugars our DFCG Project Officer visited and met with ECSAAG Staff, Chair, Chair-Elect and several members to review our progress in the morning. In the afternoon, she met with community members participating in the ERASE group in Eaton Rapids and Grand Ledge CMCA members in Grand Ledge. Jeanne indicated that she thought it went well, no direct feedback given, however LaVencia will be filing a written report and sending in the future.

New Business

Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan-Tom Jones gave an update on ECSAAG supported planning efforts. Deb Frost made a motion to add suicide prevention as a subcommittee to ECSAAG. Gary Owen seconded the motion. Deb asked if the group would run similarly as our other committees and this was confirmed. Victor asked if the plan would also eventually include veterans groups. Tom Jones confirmed that these linkages are already occurring. Gary indicated that he feels this issue is very interrelated to substance abuse. Michelle Hubbell agrees that this would make their efforts greatly enhanced by working with the coalition.

Key Leader Interview Recommendations-Sara explained that we are planning to conduct key stakeholder interviews that will allow us to get feedback on the amount of knowledge key leaders in the community have about substance abuse prevention in Eaton County and ECSAAG initiatives. We hope to conduct about 15 interviews in the next month with a diverse group of key leaders. The coalition members generated a list of leaders in the local communities and in county leadership. Polly and Sara will follow up with coordinating the interview questions, format, and report with the data committee.

In Kind Form-Sara tabled this issue to a later meeting. She will e-mail the in-kind form to coalition members asking them to fill it out and return it to her so that she can include the “in kind” amount in the implementation plan.

Recovery Oriented System of Care Proposal-MSSAC selected Eaton and Jackson counties to potentially receive some funding for this proposal. Sara asked who might be interested in meeting one or two times before our next coalition meeting to explore some options to support the existing recovery services or start up a new initiative. Jeanne, Victor, ESAP Representative, ECC Representative, Bill Kennedy and Sara will study the Recovery Oriented System of Care Proposal pieces and make a recommendation at our next meeting. We can turn this proposal in with our Implementation Plan or request an extension and turn it in in August.

Implementation Plan Development for 2009-2010-

As a group, we reviewed committee recommendations and generated some current recommendations for coalition development, capacity building and data objectives and. Below are the recommendations from flip charts:

Capacity Building/Data Objectives:

- 2008 county-wide MiPHY data report
- Coalition evaluation report-data committee will compile
- Data/planning session event with key stakeholders
- Logic model development for each goal area in preparation for our next 5-year strategic plan
- Engage Olivet and Bellevue in MiPHY implementation while maintaining all other districts currently involved
- Olivet College student survey implementation

Anne suggested that we call the event a planning event rather than a data event and try to engage key leaders who have disengaged from the process or haven't been involved previously.

Anne shared that with the MiPHY use data, it is difficult to draw any trends. In some ways we are starting over again with the MiPHY data. She also reported that we are likely to have BRFSS data in 2010 and theoretically every year after that. The 2007, 2008 and 2009 data will be combined.

Local Groups Initiatives

Eaton Rapids:

- Support to Safe Prom as a host site, mobilizing the student body
- Reach Out Now Teach In lessons
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most
- PNA (2008) Data Analysis, youth and adult engagement in the discussion related to the data

Grand Ledge:

- In School Probation program
- Leadership and Resiliency
- Safe Prom and CMCA

Parenting Programs:

- Nurturing Parenting for Adolescents
- Nurturing Parenting for Elementary Age children

- Choices parenting component-Staying Connected With Your Teen
- Liaison to schools in developing referral protocols

Possible initiatives for SPF-SIG-Underage Alcohol:

- Youth Training Events-PALS and other student groups
- Social Networking using photos, blogging, website enhancement
- Life of An Athlete-further engagement of key stakeholders
- Eaton Rapids In school probation program at middle and high school
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most parent survey
- Olivet College survey and student coalition development

Anne suggested that since mental health and substance abuse will be a part of the Federally Qualified Health Center grant planning, we send a coalition representative to sit on the Access to Health committee. ECSAAG could have a more formal role in looking at evidenced based prevention intervention. Sara said she would contact Collette Scrimger who is coordinating this initiative to let her know that she plans on attending the committee meeting coming up on June 29.

We had a discussion of lack of court referrals this year to Nurturing Parenting Program for Adolescents and how to proceed for next year. Anne suggested that we get a commitment from the court to refer if we are going to include it in the plan for next year. If not, members would like to see that funding be directed at classes for younger children. Polly will contact the Juvenile Court to see about their commitment to referring participants.

Discussion about local youth activities and bringing them together for some of their local event planning. Discussion regarding potential loss of SDFS funding that currently supports the PAL program. There was discussion about keeping the PAL program running in Eaton County regardless of Safe and Drug Free School funding status next year.

Medicine Abuse DIA-Anne went over the handout on medicine abuse data in Eaton County. She shared some of the challenges of working with the MiPHY in comparison to the PNA since the questions regarding painkillers is awkwardly worded and there isn't a clear question about over-the-counter drug use on the MiPHY. Anne will write up her feedback and we will forward it to the MDE MiPHY survey coordinators. We also discussed the safe disposal of medications and the upcoming disposal dates in Eaton County. Anne shared some of the information she learned about a similar initiative in Barry Co.

Traffic Crash Data-Polly asked to table this agenda item, until September when Anne will be sharing the report the Data Committee compiled.

Substance Abuse Referrals-Polly will be looking at all the substance abuse resources in the county this summer along with the resource scan data, coordinating the referrals with 211, compiling info for our website and publishing an article in the local papers.

Recovery Coalition-Victor shared information on Recovery Month activities starting this month with a Fathers Day 5K run. Funds generated from the activities are used to support ESAP and SIREN programs. They will be holding a kick-off this year in September at City Hall in Lansing to help attract media. They get proclamations from every local township, cities, villages and the county in Eaton County for a total of 18, the largest amount in the State. Victor is looking for 30 this year. Deb Frost inquired about a team rate as she has a group of youth from Choices who wanted to participate as a team. Victor indicated that they will allow the family rate for teams. Sara suggested that if they are limited by finances, we could consider assisting them.

Life of an Athlete Summer Institute-Sara indicated that she and a representative from Grand Ledge will be attending the training of trainers next week in Lake Placid. This training is funded through the DFC grant and will enable our coalition to train local school and community groups on the Life Of an Athlete activities. We also have the potential with the DFC grant to bring John Underwood back this fall to begin working with superintendents and other school administrators, coaches, and athletic directions. At minimum, we hope to implement the athlete code of conduct in some districts and or begin training coaches.

Community Initiative Updates:

Grand Ledge CMCA-Chris wasn't present. Sara reiterated the programs that have been proposed to continue in Grand Ledge.

Charlotte-Gary reported that the Charlotte prevention group had a meeting in May and reviewed the MiPHY and PNA ATOD data with great discussion, heightened awareness, and initial planning completed. Gary said that the group is well positioned for the local prevention group to have regular meetings and tie into other prevention efforts.

Potterville-Gary has their MiPHY data. He has a meeting on 6/10/09 with the local prevention group to look at the data and next steps.

There were no MSSAC or advocacy updates

Meeting was adjourned to committees at 11:40 a.m.

The next ECSAAG meeting is on July 14th from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at EISD.