



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
June 10, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Eaton Intermediate School District
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Anne Barna, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD
Gail Duncan, Eaton County United Way
Dur Efav, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD
Gary Owen, Eaton ISD
Ellen Rinck, City of Grand Ledge
Rhonda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections
Heather Saunders, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Scott Struck, Eaton County Counseling Center
Loretta Williams, Eaton County United Way

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

There were a couple of additions to the agenda in new business related to MDCH Tobacco grant. Scott Struck made motion to accept the agenda and minutes and Deb Frost seconded the motion **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Tobacco Compliance Facilitator

Nancy Bernthal reported that Gail Duncan has visited approximately 52 local vendors to provide vendor education, new signage and materials. Now we will be moving forward to do compliance checks with approximately 25 of our vendors. We will be coordinating these with our local law enforcement agencies in June and August. No checks can occur before Synar statewide checks which occur in July. Nancy explained what Synar is and the impact on Federal Block Grant funding.

New Business

Coalition Development Goal #1

Sara provided an overview of the goal activities this year, they included standard operating procedures for maintaining the coalition, key leader interviews. Recruiting,

orienting new members, and website development. Nancy Bernthal was the scribe for our brainstorming session.

- Connect with business
- Utilize Safe and Drug Free School Links to School participation
- Link youth in our activities
- Hold occasional meetings in school district
- Re-examine subgroups structure and membership time and place
- Show web of related ECSAAG activity and collaborators
- Consider cost of travel and mileage stipend
- Strengthen connection with local hubs,
- Monthly Coordinators Report-using e-mail prototype or put in a packet

Goal #2 Data

Minutes from Data Committee meeting on June 2nd were referred to review their recommendations for objectives for the 2008-2009 Implementation plan.

Goal #3 Alcohol

- Coordinate Media Press Releases in a yearly media plan with Heather S. from BEDHD
- Use a social norming approach in media plan,
- Support to ERASE initiatives
- Support to Grand Ledge CMCA initiatives
- Alcohol Compliance Checks in Grand Ledge and Eaton Rapids
- Program Support to Leadership and Resiliency, Nurturing Parenting Programs

Goal #4 Tobacco

- Target health connection clients as data shows they smoke at a 43% higher rate. Advocate for BEDHD and Health Connections plan.
- Success in Stages Prevention and Intervention Program
- Great American Smokeout, New's Day, World No Tobacco Day, Kick Butts Day, Trained Youth in Teens Against Tobacco Use
- Enhanced Vendor Education opportunities
- Regional Tobacco prevention strategic plan

Goal #5 Meth and Prescription Drug Use

- Prepared handout on committee recommendations for Meth and Prescription Drug abuse objectives was reviewed.
- Add pharmacists and physicians to distribute information on how to return unused prescription drugs.

Goal #6 Delinquent Youth

Anne Barna suggested we change the name of our Goal #6 Deb Frost made a motion that we change the name to At-Risk Youth and Heather Saunders seconded. **Motion Carried**

Sara shared that ECSAAG currently braids funds with Juvenile Justice Millage funding to early intervention programs. ECSSAG funds coordination of the Grand Ledge In-School Probation Program. Ellen Rinck explained her role in managing the data collected from In-school probation and Leadership and Resiliency and assuring that appropriate linkages are made between programs. ECSAAG is currently funding the Choices Program parenting facilitator along with Gary's coordination with school districts, and the courts in building the referral system.

Scott Struck asked about efforts to replicate the successful Grand Ledge Program in other communities. Sara explained that Eaton Rapids has explored replication; however the difficulty remains finding a source of funding for a Police Officer in the High School for an in-school probation program. We unsuccessfully wrote for a Federal Department of Education Grant last year to replicate the program. The Choices Program was designed to provide an option for all communities in the county to use early intervention services as part of a disciplinary action. Gary Owen indicates that the program works great in Charlotte, due to proximity, but location still seems to be a barrier in other districts for school referrals. Choices is receiving court referral from other communities, but the leverage is less compelling for the schools. Sara indicates that the Safe Schools Grant may be an option to apply for next year and Ellen Rinck suggested we could look at the possibility of writing for another Title V grant next year to expand Grand Ledge Programs to another community or even to the rest of the county.

Scott Struck suggested we continue to work on strengthening these linkages to other communities either through more fully utilizing Choices or efforts to replicate Grand Ledge Programs.

Goal #7 Marijuana

Access to marijuana
Mapping
Social Norming Campaign

MDCH Tobacco Grant

Anne Barna reported that she received the go ahead from Steve Tackett for BEDHD to work with MDCH to explore funding for next fiscal year to work on a Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance for Barry and Eaton Counties. Also, discussed was the release of the ECSAAG Database to MDCH Tobacco Section per their request. ECSAAG members requested that Nancy get more information on what the database will be used for before we release our database.

MSSAC Updates

Implementation Plans are due to Mid-South on July 18th. Eaton County funding is reduced by a minimum of 16% from previous the year. Sara indicated that Joel explained this reduction is due to Calhoun County pulling out of the region, loss of PA2 dollars last year and reallocation of funds now that other counties are at higher levels of capacity than last year.

Upcoming Meetings

Nancy shared the upcoming meetings:

- **There will either be a meeting on July 8th for a vote on our 2008-09 MSSAC Implementation Plan or we'll take the vote electronically. Stay tuned.**

Jeanne Wright adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.