



**Eaton County Substance Abuse  
Advisory Group  
July 8, 2008  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Eaton Intermediate School District  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

Cherie Anderson, Grand Ledge Police Department  
Anne Barna, Barry-Eaton District Health Department  
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD  
Gail Duncan, Community Member  
Dur Efav, Barry-Eaton District Health Department  
Amy Etzel, Eaton County Family Court  
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program  
Chad Hannahs, Department of Human Services  
Bill Kennedy, Eaton County Family Court  
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD  
Alison Nix, American Lung Association of MI  
Dawn Peterson, Grand Ledge High School  
Christine Richardson, Grand Ledge Restorative Justice  
Ellen Rinck, City of Grand Ledge  
Rhonda Rucker, Early Childhood Connections  
Heather Sanders, Barry-Eaton District Health Department  
Scott Struck, Eaton County Counseling Center  
Loretta Williams, Eaton County United Way  
Jeanne Pearl-Wright, County Commissioner

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

Deb Frost made a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Struck seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

There were a couple of additions to the minutes identified by Sara Lurie from the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will add Bill Kennedy, Amy Etzel and Jeanne Wright to the list of attendees. Also, Gail Duncan now represents a community member, not Eaton County United Way. Rhonda Rucker made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes. Bill Kennedy seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

We discussed the voting plan and agreed to discuss one goal at a time and vote by roll call for each goal at the completion of our discussion. Voting members or their agency's designee were identified after they had attended at minimum three

coalition meetings (per our by-laws). Ellen Rinck made a motion to use the discussed plan for voting. Cherie Anderson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

- **Goal #1:** Polly reviewed the first goal on Coalition Capacity Building. Scott Struck asked how much support is given to ERASE. Sara indicated that there was on average four hours per week of staff support. We had some discussion about providing support to local communities for events that fit with goals. We committed to offering support to two local community events that meet objectives of our ECSAAG Strategic Plan. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call, and the objectives for implementation of Goal 1 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #2:** Polly reviewed the objectives for Goal # 2 for Data Driven Decision Making. A clarification was requested on the data we might be seeking from the Point in Time Survey. There was also some discussion about mapping specific events. Several members were uncomfortable with identifying a specific community event in the plan for mapping. Ellen Rinck shared her experience of working on a Grand Ledge festival with the placement of children's activities next door to the beer tent. The coalition agreed that mapping an event could allow us to have data for further discussion with the coalition. Sara removed the specific name of the community event. We also agreed to merge several objectives (2.1, 2.5 and 2.12) that had similar activities per MSSAC. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call and the objectives for implementation of Goal 2 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS, Anne Barna from BEHD, and Ellen Rinck from the City of Grand Ledge abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #3:** Sara reviewed the objectives for Goal #3 on Alcohol. There were some excellent ideas for publicizing the Life as an Athlete program coming up in September. It was suggested that we add a mailing for athletic trainers and athletic directors. There was also some discussion about the employer's role on the alcohol committee. Cherie Anderson asked what we hoped to get from having employers participating. We discussed how employers' participation in our local communities has been very beneficial. We are hoping we could have similar benefits from them participating in the full coalition. It was also suggested that the Community Foundation might be a good source to braid funding for the town hall with youth planning and implementation. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call and the objectives for implementation of Goal 3 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS and Ellen Rinck from the City of Grand Ledge abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #4:** Sara reviewed Goal #4 for Tobacco. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call and the objectives for implementation of Goal 4 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS abstained from voting.**

- **Goal #5:** Polly reviewed Goal #5 for Methamphetamine. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call and the objectives for implementation of Goal 5 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #6:** Sara reviewed Goal #6 for Special Populations. This goal covers the Choices program implementation. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call and the objectives for implementation of Goal 6 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS and Ellen Rinck from the City of Grand Ledge abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #7** for Marijuana is covered within other goals in the plan.
- Two voting members were absent. Sara will send the plan to them to offer them an opportunity to vote on the Implementation Plan.

### **Updates and Announcements**

We continued our discussion about the upcoming training “Life as an Athlete” with John Underwood on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cherie suggested that Sara draft a letter to the superintendents as well as the Athletic Directors and Athletic trainers. Cherie made a motion to send a formal letter of encouragement to assist in publicizing the program. Ronda seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.** There was also the question of whether CEU’s were going to be offered for Athletic Directors. Sara will look into that.

There was no update from MSSAC.

Cherie made a motion to cancel the August meeting. We will handle business electronically. Ronda seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

We also changed the previously scheduled coalition meeting on September 9 to September 16<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with the Annual Michigan Substance Abuse Conference.

Ellen Rinck announced that she will be leaving her position in Grand Ledge to accept a position at the University of Michigan with their public broadcasting department. She’ll be managing and coordinating grants with their department.

Alison Nix from the American Lung Association gave an update on the state of the smoke free Michigan legislation. It is likely there will not be a vote until after the elections in November.

Ronda moved that we adjourn the meeting. Deb Frost seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- **September 16<sup>th</sup> , 9:30-Noon at EISD rooms A and B.**