



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
July 14, 2009
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Eaton Intermediate School District
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Martha Adams, UAW/General Motors EAP
Cherie Anderson, Grand Ledge Police Department/GL Schools
Anne Barna, BEDHD
Victor Braatz, Recovery Network
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD
Gail Duncan, Parent and Community Member
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Tom Jones, First Congregational Church
Bill Kennedy, Eaton County Court-Family Division
Alison Kulas, BEDHD
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD
Alison Nix, American Lung Association
Chris Richardson, GLHS Restorative Justice Coordinator
Deb Somerville, Eaton Counseling Center
Gary Vittoz, Vittoz Computer Consulting, LLC
Jeanne Wright, County Commissioner

Introductions and Announcements

Cherie Anderson called the meeting in order at 9:35 a.m. Cherie welcomed Alison Kulas from BEDHD, facilitated introductions and asked everyone to include any agency announcements along with our introduction.

Approval of Agenda

Jeanne Wright made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes, Deb Frost seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of Minutes

Bill Kennedy noted that he had not attended last month's meeting but was listed as present. Deb Frost moved acceptance of the minutes as amended. Jeanne Wright seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

New Business

Action Items: 2009-10 MSSAC Implementation Plan: Discussion of Goal Areas/Voting

Sara explained that this year, MSSAC encouraged our coalition to identify general goal areas to address and list the identified capacity building strategies and evidence-based programming, policies and practices for funding consideration. We have identified five goal areas in our Implementation Plan.

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 and have a signed memorandum of understanding on file (per our by-laws).

- **Goal #1 Capacity Building and Needs Assessment:** Sara reviewed the first goal explaining that ECSAAG will be implementing the National College Health Assessment and helping to develop an action plan to institute some underage drinking policies at Olivet College. We'll also be developing problem statements and logic models in preparation for our strategic planning next year. In other objectives we'll be completing a year-end outcome evaluation of the coalition's objectives and developing and implementing an annual communications plan, hosting a key leader summit, and continuing capacity building efforts on suicide prevention. PPS and BEDHD would receive funding in Goal 1. Anne Barna requested a comparison of this year's funding for Goal 1 with last fiscal year's amount for Goals 1 and 2. Sara provided the figures. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call, and the objectives for implementation of Goal 1 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS, Chris Richardson from Grand Ledge, and Anne Barna from BEDHD abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #2 Capacity Building in Local Communities:** Sara reviewed Goal 2 indicating that ECSAAG will support the efforts to build capacity in the communities of Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Charlotte, and Potterville. PPS and the City of Grand Ledge would receive funding in goal 2. **With no further discussion, we voted by roll call, and the objectives for implementation of Goal 2 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS and Chris Richardson from Grand Ledge abstained from voting.**
- **Goal #3 Alcohol:** Sara shared that the objectives in Goal 3 include coordination of early intervention programs through braided funding with the Juvenile Justice Millage money for CMCA, TIP, and the Leadership and Resiliency Program and expanding the in-school probation program to Eaton Rapids. MSSAC funding through this objective would also support several evidence-based parenting programs and some investment in PALS training for adult trainers and youth peer leaders in the MSSAC

region. This research based program also receives support with braided funding through Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Within the SPF-SIG objectives, review of the logic model showed that funding would go toward youth engagement, Safe Prom Initiative, Life of an Athlete, a county-wide training on effective substance abuse school policies, Reach Out Now Teach In's in Grand Ledge and Eaton Rapids, expanding the Parents who Host, Lose the Most campaigns to other local communities, enhanced vendor education and alcohol compliance checks and collaboration with law enforcement on a liquor law training for Eaton County participants.

Cheri Anderson was requested to explain the In-School Probation Program at Grand Ledge to the coalition. PPS and the City of Grand Ledge would receive funding in goal 3. Sara shared the amount of funding for this goal last year compared to this fiscal year.

With no further discussion, we voted by roll call, and the objectives for implementation of Goal 3 (including the SPF-SIG portions) were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS and Chris Richardson from Grand Ledge abstained from voting.

Goal #4 Tobacco: Sara reported that in our Tobacco prevention goal, we would be conducting the SYNAR activities, compliance checks, vendor education, writing the 5-year strategic plan, participating in a tri-county social norm campaign, continuing advocacy on smoke-free environments both locally and statewide, and collaborating with 211 to coordinate cessation resources in the community. PPS and Gail Duncan as a contracted employee would be receiving funding in Goal 4. Sara shared the amount of funding for this goal last year compared to this fiscal year.

With no further discussion, we voted by roll call, and the objectives for implementation of Goal 4 were accepted unanimously. Sara Lurie from PPS and Gail Duncan abstained from voting.

Goal #5 Meth/Prescription Drugs: Polly shared the objectives for this goal involve the continued collaboration with the local General Federation of Women's Clubs and Eaton County Resource Recovery on the dissemination of the prescription drug awareness materials to parents of school age children, pharmacies, and throughout the community. With regard to methamphetamine, the coalition will continue to collect local data on meth use and manufacturing of the drug and report back bi-annually to the coalition. Victor Braatz asked if there was information about the manner in which the pharmaceutical medications will be disposed of? Polly will contact Lisa Lafferty and report back to the coalition. Sara brought attention to the article in the meeting packet on methamphetamine treatment issues published in the July 4th edition of the Eaton County Journal. Polly also shared the article published on July 5th on the State Journal website on the upcoming date for prescription drug disposal.

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.

Updates and Announcements:

Recovery Oriented System of Care: Victor Braatz shared information about the Recovery Oriented System of Care and the work the committee has completed so far on the proposal and timeline. The system of care will offer peer support with peers helping people in recovery connect with resources and wellness programs. It is an effective way to involve a person in their own recovery. We have the ability to request a 3-week extension to better prepare the proposal to MSSAC. Sara reported that the committee will be working on how best to measure outcomes.

Suicide Prevention Month Resolution and Meeting:

Polly shared the proposed resolution requesting that the coalition approve it understanding that the committee will make revisions prior to submission to the Commissioners. Jeanne Wright requested that the body of the resolution be shortened. **Anne Barna made a motion to support the committee making necessary changes and forwarding it to the Commissioners. Deb Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Cheri Anderson brought our attention to the time and suggested we table the remainder of the agenda to the next meeting. She asked if there were any further announcements. Anne Barna shared that the BEDHD is submitting a grant for Barry and Eaton County for suicide intervention training for professionals, particularly those working with youth. There is a short turn around time on the grant and funds have to be spent by 9/30/09.

Polly reminded members that our next meeting is August 11th and that we'll be adjusting our typical meeting schedule in September to meet on September 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.