



**Eaton County Substance Abuse
Advisory Group
September 16, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Eaton Intermediate School District
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Anne Barna, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD
Victor Braatz, Eaton County Recovery Month Coalition
Gail Duncan, Community Member
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Chad Hannahs, Department of Human Services
Bill Kennedy, Eaton County Family Court
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD
Nancy Meddaugh, Grand Ledge YES Center
Christine Richardson, Grand Ledge Restorative Justice
Debra Somervil, Eaton Counseling Center
Loretta Williams, Eaton County United Way
Teresa Worthington, Eaton County Juvenile Court
Jeanne Pearl-Wright, County Commissioner

Agenda correction Victor Braatz named incorrectly spelled. Deb Frost motion to accept agenda with this correction and Bill Kennedy seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Deb Frost moved approval of minutes as written and Bill Kennedy seconded motion. **Motion Carried**

Life of an Athlete

Sara encouraged all in attendance to help recruit others and to attend the workshop. Sara gave an overview of the training and efforts to recruit representation from across the county. Still have capacity to accommodate about 60 other participants

MSSAC Funding

Sara reported that our Mid-South plan was fully accepted. Polly did a great job synthesizing the information we brainstormed and developed in our planning meetings and Mid-South commented on how well written it was.

Substance Abuse Conference

Nancy asked those in attendance to share what they gleaned from attending the Michigan Substance Abuse Conference. Nancy shared information on

Polly indicated that she enjoyed the speaker on systems change and found John Underwood's data very compelling.

Gary also identified the John Underwood presentation was excellent and very important, he highlighted that there is a huge number of the youth population involved in Athletics and a good target presentation.

Victor Braatz stopped by the conference, he indicated that it is great that all these people come together, but there is so much more work to be done.

Jeanne attended the Servant Leadership workshop and found it beneficial.

Sara attended workshops on youth involvement and brain etiology and found them both very interesting and helpful

Recovery Month

Recovery Month "Rally for Recovery" will be held at the Capitol on Saturday, September 20th 9-11 and Jeanne Wright will be a guest speaker along with many other dignitaries.

Saturday, 11-4 there will be a Recovery Palooza in Grand Rapids through Network 180. Eaton County has gathered more proclamations for Recovery Month than any other community in the nation. 5K Run was held over Labor Day, 54 volunteers helped out, race was small, but enthusiastic. Dunk tank was very successful and raised \$572, Meijer contributed \$500, these monies are used to support a variety of community services.

New Business

Current status of 2007-2008 Implementation Plan Progress

Coalition Building

Data

Report is in the works

Discussing Prosecutor Data with Marie Hansen

Requested Hospital Data

Interpretation of PNA data for Eaton Rapids

Final meeting on September 30th.

Alcohol

We have had a Request for year end teleconference with our DFCG Grant Manager with coalition member involvement. Jeanne, Bill and Deb S. indicated that they may be available to participate in the teleconference. Sara will contact them with confirmed date and time.

Tobacco

Synar checks went well with no sales in Eaton County

Gave material to physician offices

Smoke Free Dining Guide lists all of the known smoke free establishments, work in progress that will continually need updating, Jeanne suggested we put an ad in the newspaper

Police Chiefs have volunteered to help with tobacco checks this month

Teens Against Tobacco Use will occur in November in conjunction with Ingham

BEDHD will receive funds from MDCH to implement something towards a smoke free ordinance or state law enforcement if the bill passes.

Board of Health attempt to make the Health Department, MSU Extension and the Medical Care Facility smoke-free failed, Eaton County Board of Commissioners looking at making the entire governmental complex completely smoke free instead. Dr. Schirmer is the Medical Director and has been exploring that issue.

Meth

Had a Law Enforcement workshop in May, not as well attended as we hoped but still very beneficial. Sgt. Tony Saucedo and Lt. Tim Gill presented on the changes in Meth manufacturing. Meth still being used in our county and treatment numbers is up. Polly shared handout on best practices for Meth prevention and indicated that we are in line with best practices. 2008-2009 combining some of our meth efforts to medicine abuse to do some exciting things. Polly encouraged others to get involved in the committee.

Victor talked about problems in disposal for medications. Polly indicated that safe disposal is a thrust for the committee. Other coalitions have addressed this on the local level since there are no state standards.

At Risk Youth

Gary presented on progress that Choices has made in getting up and running. We will be meeting to look at our data and will put together a report to share with ECSAAG. Deb shared that we have begun to get referrals from DHS.

Marijuana

Discussed literature that we have reviewed regarding medical marijuana. Anne shared that literature she reviewed previously that indicated that passage of medical marijuana did not increase youth use in the states that passed it. Sara shared CADCA materials she recently received which showed that states with medical marijuana have some of the highest rates of youth use, perhaps indicating that these states already had high rates of use when the legislation passed. We discussed how to proceed as a coalition in addressing this issue. Do we want to take an official stand as a coalition? Motion was made by Polly to send out information and to do a zoomerang survey of our membership. Motion was seconded. Further discussion occurred as some members wanted to have discussion and not rely on a survey. **Motion Failed.** Deb S made a motion that we send out informational material on the ballot proposal with studies related to the impact on youth use and discuss our position at the next meeting, Anne seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Sara will send out literature for review prior to the next meeting.

Gambling

Sara shared Mid-South grant for problem gambling prevention and treatment. Eaton County has been targeted for youth prevention and has a much higher rate for 9th and 11th grade youth 21.5% compared to 16.5% in Jackson County, 15.5% in Clinton County and 12.5% in Ingham County. Discussed action plan ideas, finding out what kids are actually doing and raising awareness of gambling as a problem behavior. There was lively discussion of examples of the pervasiveness of gambling in our community. Nancy Meddaugh recommended

that we use grassroots approach to raise awareness in our communities. Polly brought out the MiPHY results which showed that both boys and girls participate in this behavior and the majority of those participating are D and F students. Sara will prepare a draft action plan to review at the next meeting.

Tobacco Rally

Immediately following this meeting, there is a Tobacco Rally in support of passage of state smoke free workplace law passage. Nancy invited members to attend with her.

Deb Frost made motion we adjourn and Deb Somervil seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 9:30 at Eaton ISD.