



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

Present:

Cherie Anderson, Grand Ledge Police Department
Nancy Bernthal, Eaton ISD
Victor Braatz, Recovery Network and Recovery Month Coalition
Polly Brainerd, Eaton ISD
Gail Duncan, Community Member
Dur Efaw, Barry/Eaton
Jim Falk, Charlotte Police Department
Deb Frost, Eaton Substance Abuse Program
Bill Kennedy, Eaton County
Sara Lurie, Eaton ISD
Alison Nix, American Lung Association
Gary Owen, Eaton ISD
Christine Richardson, Grand Ledge YES Center and Restorative Justice
Heather Sanders, Barry-Eaton District Health Department
Wendy Sellers, Eaton ISD
Debra Somervill, Eaton Counseling Center
Loretta Williams, Eaton County United Way
Debra Williamson, Early Childhood Connections
Jeanne Pearl-Wright, County Commissioner

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and facilitated introductions. No additions were made to the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Victor Braatz invited us to participate in the Recovery Month Coalition meeting tonight at 6 p.m. at Charlotte City Hall Conference Room.

Additions to agenda proposed included DFCG update, Medicine abuse update, and Tobacco resolution, and BEDHD update on 08-09 initiatives. Motion to approve agenda by Heather Sanders and second by Deb Frost. **Motion Approved.**

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Deb Frost moved to approve minutes and Gail Duncan seconded. **Motion Approved**

OLD BUSINESS

Life of an Athlete and Next Steps

Four of our Eaton County School Districts (Eaton Rapids, Maple Valley, Charlotte, Grand Ledge and Olivet) have expressed interest in further exploration of implementation of Life of an Athlete approach; however they are at various stages of readiness. Sara has rescheduled the meeting for December 19th (pending weather) with Van Buren County Prevention Staff who have been working on implementation in the surrounding athletic conference over the past two years. E.J. McAndrew and Tracy Johnson have also been trained as trainers at the American Athletic Institute. This will be an opportunity to learn from their experiences and to obtain their input in identifying next steps. Any coalition members interested in attending this meeting can contact Sara at 517-541-8711 or slurie@eaton.k12.mi.us We are asking for use of carryover Drug Free Community Grant Funds to assess each interested school district substance abuse policies and codes of conduct, assist in adoption of best practice policies and create a plan for further implementation of Life of an Athlete Approach. This will help inform of us of next steps to take as a county in moving things forward.

Gambling Prevention Action Plan: Sara indicated that Mid-South approved our Gambling Action Plan. Nancy will be implementing the plan and will keep us posted.

Drug Free Community Grant Report: Sara called people's attention to the DFCG response to our Teleconference Review. No follow up actions were recommended.

NEW BUSINESS

Facebook: Chris Richardson and her daughter built us a Facebook page. 8crichardson@gmail.com with ecsaag as a password. Loretta will check on how to make it "a cause" that would be more accessible to everyone on Facebook. We will revisit it next month and ask Gary Vittoz to attend to help us figure out how to use the Facebook and link it to our site.

Smoke Free Apartment Website Link

Link has been created from our ECSAAG website to MIsmoke-free apartment to find listings of rentals that are smoke free.

Tobacco Prevention Resolution

Nancy presented the resolution that was provided by Tobacco-Free Michigan that would support adequate funding for the Michigan Tobacco Prevention Program. Cherie made a motion that we accept the resolution as written and attach a letter requesting that funds be used to support local initiatives, Heather Sanders seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

Community Initiative Updates

Grand Ledge CMCA-Anne Barna put together a very compelling data presentation that showed that emphasis needed to be placed on the middle school population. Chris recently met with school superintendent and other key stakeholders. She will be meeting with the PTO presidents and to enlist will help.

ERASE-School Superintendent Bill DeFrance was invited to participate in a special meeting to explore current school policies and practices related to substance abuse violations. As a result there was agreement to work towards improving policies and practices that include a consistent approach to violations across the district. To further explore this and how other districts have improved these practices, we invited Cherie Anderson and Sue Lavingood from Grand Ledge In-School Probation Program to present at a follow-up meeting. This meeting occurred last week and the mutual sharing between communities was very beneficial.

ERASE is also collaborating with the Eaton Rapids Asset Building In Our Community group to distribute a power point developed by Ann Barna that uses a social norming approach with Eaton Rapids 8th grade PNA data and encourages involvement in ERASE and ABC Activities. This is designed to be shown at churches in the main sanctuary before services start and can be used to generate discussion in congregations. ERASE is also a willing host for an ECSAAG meeting, should we decide to hold a meeting in a local community in the future.

Charlotte and Potterville-Today there is a second meeting with Charlotte stakeholders to continue to review their Prevention Needs Assessment data. Anne Barna put together a good handout comparing PNA data from Charlotte with the rest of the county and the mid-south region. Good diversity of participation. Potterville is also looking to organize a community group, members are being identified.

Mid-South

Advocacy Issues

Wendy reported that one-third of our state legislators are new. If we have new people elected in our home area, now is a great time to educate them about your interests.

Wendy will get some new citizen guides with contact information and will get some for distribution at a future coalition meeting.

Governor is not looking at cutting the Healthy Michigan Fund to deal with deficit this year. But please let her know how much you value her protecting these funds.

Smokefree workplace bill is now in conference committee and must be resolved in the lame duck session. If it does not pass now, it will need to start all over again. House has appointed 3 members to the committee, but Senator Bishop has not as of yet, although he has said he would appoint someone today.

Charlotte Chapter of Greater Auxiliary Women's Club and ECSAAG are working with Eaton County Resource Management and BEDHD Health Department to put out information and host some disposal days. Medication Disposal May, July and September dates have been identified as disposal dates.

BEDHD Update on Tobacco Plan

Dur Efav reported on BEDHD plan for educating food service facilities that allow smoking, to encourage them to consider going smoke free. They will be preparing a CD that will be used to educate. If the state legislation passes they will be turning their efforts to encouraging compliance to the new laws. Dur asked that if we have any good resources on restaurants that have gone smoke free and are doing well that we send this to him. If we know people on the cusp, trying to decide whether to go smoke free or not, let Dur know and they will visit them sooner.

Meeting Adjourned to Sub Committees at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 13th, 9:30 a.m. at Eaton ISD.