

ECSAAG Tobacco Subcommittee

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Members Present:

Nancy Bernthal, EISD/PPS

Bruce Yelvington, ECSD

Thaoms Root, CHS

Joni Risner, EUW

Members discussed the upcoming single session cessation workshop to be offered at EISD on January 19th. Joni offered to spread the word to United Way agencies. Nancy will email her a copy of the flyer. Nancy reviewed the results of the Teens Against Tobacco Use workshop, held on November 7, 2005 at EISD. Five schools participated and two of the teams were from Eaton county schools—Potterville and Waverly. Teens learned to plan and deliver a tobacco prevention lesson to their younger peers. Pre/Post Test and Satisfaction survey results were shared. Learning outcomes and satisfaction indicators were very positive. Members continued to discuss the MMSAC Implementation Plan for Goal 4: Tobacco. Bruce gave some input for planning the inspection check blitz that will take place in Spring, 2006. Nancy will send a memo to all chiefs in January outlining the request for collaboration in a pre-Synar blitz of inspection checks. It is hoped that all Eaton County police departments will participate. Thomas explained to the group what it is like to serve as a youth decoy in local retailer establishments. Discussion ensued about the protocol and how best to involve law enforcement officers. Group members talked about the idea of involving schools and parents in ECSAAG activities. Bruce talked about his participation as a Grand Ledge parent in the Title 5 grant CMA committee. He suggested that we get the parent and youth alcohol consequence flyers out to parents and youth. Several ideas were generated for getting the word out, using school newsletters, websites and teacher-parent contacts. Bruce will attend the CMA meeting on January 9th and will give the powerpoint presentation about ECSAAG. Hopefully, a stronger connection can be forged, now that a new grant director has been hired by Grand Ledge. School representatives will be invited to the ECSSAAG meeting on February 14, 2006. At that time, they will be encouraged to look at their school survey results related to tobacco use, their Michigan Model implementation records and the DOE 24/7 Schools initiative.