



Minutes from April 27, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Minutes from the March 2015 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
 - A. Meth Updates: Hastings City has seen recent one-pot lab busts/activity, as has Thornapple Township. Meth trainings are available to any agency and can be requested by contacting Liz Lenz at lrenz@bccmha.org. The SATF will be revamping and relaunching a meth awareness page on our website, designed to help people recognize and report meth activity.
 - B. Legislative Updates: several pieces of legislation have been introduced regarding the Medical Marihuana Act; Megan Palmer will be sending out a list of current pending legislation via email.
 - C. Other Updates:
 - i. Liz Lenz mentioned that the Hastings Skatepark and Wednesday night grilling has begun; 5-6 pm each Wednesday, weather permitting.
2. Steering Committee: There will be an opening on the SATF Steering Committee in June 2015; anyone interested in serving on this committee, please contact Liz Lenz.
3. Drug Free Communities: No report.
4. Brief Presentations:
 - A. Barry County Serenity Club: Sandy Rainer presented on the Serenity Club, which opened October 1, 2014. They are a 501c3 are providing a safe and sober facility for 12 step recovery programs, as well as a venue for social gatherings, friendship, and support. The Serenity Club is growing and has many 12 Step Meetings to offer, as well as a family-friendly environment. They would also like to reach teens and families.
 - B. Tobacco Reduction Coalition: Dr. Robert Schirmer presented on the recent actions of the Barry County Tobacco Reduction Coalition; he shared local tobacco data, spoke about accessing the Quit Line via "Ask, Advise, Connect", and also educated SATF members about The Institute of Medicine's call to move to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21 nationwide, using public health policy strategies. He distributed a handout about this information and E-cigarettes were also discussed.
5. Workgroup Reports:
 - A. Medicine Abuse Workgroup:
 - i. Permanent medicine collection efforts continue to increase, with the addition of Hastings Pharmacy as a Yellow Jug Old Drugs participant, and the Nashville Police Department as a Be Wise Medicine Drop Box participant.
 - ii. Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015, 9-1 pm, Barry County Fairgrounds. We are making some changes due to new DEA regulations and some changes to expedite the HHWC process as well.
 - B. Underage Drinking Workgroup:
 - i. Project Sticker Shock was completed during Spring Break at 5 retail locations. Thank you to all who participated.
 - C. Youth Leadership Workgroup:
 - i. The 2nd Annual Allegan Barry Youth Summit was held on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Gun Lake Community Church with over 260 youth participating and over 40 volunteers/presenters. It was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped. Youth will present in June during the SATF meeting.
 - D. Public Awareness Workgroup:

- i. Workgroup members are planning updates/additions to the SATF website to include meth and heroin information/resources.
- 6. Old Business:
 - A. Youth Leadership Scholarship Reviewers: review period has closed.
 - B. Regional Prevention Conference "Marijuana: What's the BIG Deal?" will be held on June 24, 2015, at the Kroc Center; registration is open and waitlisted. To get on the waitlist, register via this link: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/marijuana-whats-the-big-deal-trends-truths-and-myths-tickets-15762868163>
 - C. 2015 Parent Survey is still open: <http://bit.ly/satfparentsurvey2015>
- 7. New Business: None
- 8. Next meeting Date: No May Meeting due to Memorial Day. Next Meeting will be Monday, June 22, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry Intermediate School District, 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:00 am