



Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force  
"Working Together for a Drug Free Community"

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**Minutes from August 24, 2015, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force**

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

1. Updates:
  - A. Meth Updates: Hastings City Police is sending their Detective to a conference in Kentucky, which will be relevant to tracking of pseudoephedrine sales.
  - B. Legislative Updates: Megan Palmer has compiled an extensive summary of related legislative updates; this will be emailed out with minutes.
  - C. Other Updates:
    - i. Day of Defiance: Randall Bertrand reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Skatepark event and thanked folks for helping and supporting the Skatepark youth. Randall voiced his desire to gather clergy together to discuss the changing marijuana "environment"; SATF staff will assist him in doing so.
    - ii. Heroin: Liz Lenz announced the new formation of a Heroin/Opioid Workgroup to discuss local data, local needs, and SATF responses. SATF members were asked to indicate interest in participating; a meeting will be scheduled.
2. Steering Committee: No report.
3. Drug Free Communities:
  - A. CADCA Midyear Conference: Jessica Howell and Megan Palmer attended this annual conference; Jessica offered a brief report on her participation.
4. Workgroup Reports:
  - A. Medicine Abuse Workgroup:
    - i. The SATF and the Barry Eaton District Health Department distributed more bags at the Barry Community Resource Fair on August 12, and during Delton Founders Days.
    - ii. The DEA is reinstating their Drug Take Back program with the next event scheduled for September 26, 2015.
    - iii. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Medicine Take Back is also scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015, 9-1 pm, Barry County Fairgrounds.
  - B. Tobacco Reduction:
    - i. Non-Synar tobacco compliance monitoring checks were completed with an 80% compliance rate; 2 retailers did not comply and SATF staff will reach out to them with the offer of education/training. Passing retailers will receive recognition.
  - C. Public Awareness Workgroup:
    - i. A new media campaign focusing on preventing opioid dependence will be launched in early September 2015.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Summerfest Fun Run will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015; volunteers are needed to help with the event. 9 am-10:15 am. Please let Liz know if you are available to help.
  - B. We will be partnering with Allegan County to bring in Jermaine Galloway on November 13, 2015, for a full day presentation on drug recognition. This will be held at the Kroc Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and will have a small registration fee.
6. New Business:
  - A. Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for interested folks to serve on the Barry County BBBS Advisory Committee; if interested, please email Emily Ellwood at [emilyellwood@bbbsmi.org](mailto:emilyellwood@bbbsmi.org); Also, anyone interested in being a Big, please contact her as well.

- B. Dr. Schirmer briefly discussed Tobacco 21, and reported that he has spoken with the Deputy Director of Policy with MDHHS.
- C. Dr. Schirmer also brought up for discussion the disposal of e-cigarette liquids.
- D. Lauren Cibor talked about an upcoming bus wrap focusing on tobacco cessation.

7. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry Intermediate School District, 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 9:56 am.