



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

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Minutes from January 26, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am. Minutes from the November 2014 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
 - A. Meth Updates: Hastings City Police recently responded to a multiple one-pot "lab" with many children present; another meth lab was found within the county with 8 children present.
 - B. Other Updates:
 - i. Randall Bertrand spoke about the changes to the GED testing and impacts on local youth.
 - ii. SATF staff and volunteers staffed a booth with the BEDHD staff during the Barry County Home Show, January 23-24, 2015, and distributed totes and information about Household Hazardous Waste Collection and medicine collection.
2. SATF Steering Committee:
 - A. The Steering Committee met on 1/8/15 in preparation for today's meeting and grant continuation applications/carryover requests.
3. Drug Free Communities:
 - A. DFC Grant:
 - i. Year 7 Continuation Application: Submitted 1/18/15
 - B. STOP Act Grant:
 - i. Continuation Application: Submitted 1/9/15
 - ii. Formal Carryover Request: Submitted 1/21/15
4. Action Planning:
 - A. Kathleen Zimmerman-Oster, PhD, Coalition Evaluator presented on:
 - i. Internal Assessment results
 - ii. MiPHY Summaries for Barry County (successes and challenges)
 - B. SATF members worked in groups to brainstorm on our coalition's future, impact, changes and sustainability. We will email this document out to SATF members by 1/30/15.
 - C. Action Planning was facilitated; see pages 2-3 of SATF minutes for details.
5. Old Business:
 - A. February 2015 SATF Meeting will include a Technology and Prevention Presentation from the Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; SATF members should bring a laptop or tablet to this meeting.
 - B. Julie Nakfoor Pratt has arranged for Ken Stecker to present on Marijuana and Traffic Safety at the March 2015 SATF Meeting.
6. New Business:
 - A. Phyllis Fuller invited all SATF members to the Central Dispatch Training Center Open House, today, 4-7 pm.
7. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry Intermediate School District, 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:59 am

Barry County SATF: Action Planning Summary—January 26, 2015

SATF Successes

- Public awareness - education and media **(x4)**
- Medicine takeback events & drop box locations **(x5)**
- T-shirts at youth and/or SATF sponsored events **(x2)**
- Active involvement in committees
- Collaborative efforts in coalition and leadership **(x3)**
- DFC funding is a major accomplishment
- Alcohol compliance rates and retailer education
- Focusing efforts and campaigns based on data
- Atmosphere of meetings

Areas of Concern/Challenges

- Addressing prescription medicine abuse
- Marijuana - attitudes, youth use, medical, legalization vs. decriminalization **(x4)**
- Retailer recognition for those passing alcohol compliance checks
- On-premise alcohol compliance checks
- E-cigarettes **(x2)**
- Getting messages out to all members/areas of community **(x2)**
- Enforcing smoke free zones
- More active members - medicine abuse workgroup, clergy, physicians, therapists **(x3)**

Alcohol: UAD/Unsafe Drinking

- Awareness and education - MIP, OWI, OUID, parents, danger of alcohol abuse **(x6)**
- Public awareness - media (bus wraps)
- MIP Diversion program review
- Serving, hosting, purchasing alcohol for minors - education and accountability **(x2)**
- Alcohol is a drug
- On and off premise alcohol compliance checks - enforcement **(x2)**

Tobacco

- E-cigarettes/hookah/vaping - education, regulation, enforcement as a tobacco product **(x7)**
- Youth use
- Increase parental awareness and responsibility
- Tobacco compliance checks

Medicine Abuse

- Awareness and education about Rx medicine abuse **(x3)**
- Medicine disposal **(x2)**
- Education re: drug schedule changes (ex. Tramadol/Ultram)
- Address connection of Rx painkiller abuse and heroin use
- Strong meds (stimulants, depressants, painkillers, etc.) too easily prescribed - address with doctors and dentists **(x3)**
- Youth selling/giving out prescriptions at school
- Parent/family education about medications being prescribed to their child or themselves, or address alternatives to medications (ex. possible diet changes) **(x3)**

Methamphetamine

- Revisit Drug Endangered Children (DEC) **(x4)**
- Require prescriptions for pseudoephedrine - continue to push for legislation
- Awareness/education about abuse and dangers
- Retailer awareness about meth components **(x2)**

Marijuana

- Awareness and education - especially for youth **(x6)**
- Marijuana legalization vs. decriminalization **(x2)**
- Drugged driving
- Medical marijuana issues (x4)
- Increasing number of headshops
- Edibles - popularity with youth, at school, etc.
- Gateway "behavior", "training wheels"

Other: (including non-substance related issues)

- SATF new member orientation
- More work with elected officials
- Suicide prevention **(x3)**
- Social media/cyber-bullying **(x3)**
- Accountability - presence of others

Areas of Priority

- Prescription drug abuse
- E-cigarette education, awareness and use with THC oil
- All issues associated with marijuana