



# Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

"Working Together for a Drug Free Community"

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## Minutes from January 25, 2016 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am. Minutes from the November 2015 meeting and the amended agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
  - A. Meth Updates: brief discussion around "false positives" on urine drug testing.
  - B. Legislative Updates: Megan Palmer updated SATF members on current legislation; this update will be emailed out with minutes. We will continue to provide this update on a monthly basis.
  - C. Other Updates:
    - i. Randall Bertrand reported on an upcoming partnership with the Tobacco Reduction Coalition to host/sponsor a "Kick Butts Day" Graffiti Wall at the Hastings Skate Park; this will take place March 16, 2016 and will promote the quit line and cessation supports.
    - ii. Achilles Malta reported on regional work with Western Michigan University's Medical School (Homer Stryker) regarding prescription medicine abuse and related issues.
    - iii. Sgt. Stein with Barry County Sheriff's Department, Middleville Unit, reported on local business activity, and also shared that he will be retiring in May. He introduced Undersheriff Matt Houchlei, who joined him today.
    - iv. Emily Elwood announced the date for the Bowl For Kids Sake for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Barry County, March 19, 2016. Anyone interested in bowling, lane sponsorship, etc...contact Emily.
    - v. Liz Lenz announced that Julie Nakfoor Pratt would like to invite Ken Stecker to an upcoming SATF meeting for an update on Michigan's Medical Marihuana Act. SATF members are very interested as well.
2. Steering Committee:
  - A. Cindy Bigler gave the report; the Steering Committee met on 1/21/2016 and the highlights were:
    - i. DFC Continuation Application has been submitted.
    - ii. Both DFC and STOP Act Grant had small (less than 10%) carryovers from 2015.
    - iii. General Workgroup Reports.
3. 2016 Strategic Action Planning:
  - A. This will be postponed/rescheduled for our February 22, 2016 SATF Meeting, due to Kathleen Zimmerman-Oster's illness today.
4. 2015 Internal Coalition Assessment Report: Liz Lenz
  - A. The results of the 2015 Coalition Assessment were shared/discussed. Highlights include:
    - i. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> collection of the survey with 31 respondents (most ever).
    - ii. Results showed "very strong" in all categories and subsections.
    - iii. Two areas discussed were communication and power players; while still "very strong", slight decrease was noted.
5. Workgroup Reports:
  - A. Heroin/Opioids Workgroup:
    - i. Progress is being made with all law enforcement in the process of being able to carry Narcan; Hastings City Police is already carrying.
    - ii. Plans are underway to increase awareness of naloxone prescriptions/availability.
  - B. Tobacco Reduction Coalition:
    - i. Kick Butts Day, March 16, 2016, will include the Graffiti Wall. We plan to promote this event
    - ii. Environmental scans, specifically for e-cigarettes/vaping devices, will be done at the same time as tobacco-vendor education; we will visit all tobacco retailers.
  - C. Underage Drinking Workgroup:

- i. A multi-agency effort was utilized to complete 52 checks, county-wide, on 1/22/2016. Compliance improved to 87%, with 45 of 52 in compliance. Thank you to all who assisted in coordinating these efforts, especially Hastings City Police, MSP, and Barry County Sheriff's Department.
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business:
  - A. 2016 ABYS is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016, 8-2 pm. Any SATF member wishing to volunteer, please let Liz or Megan know.
  - B. National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week begins today, January 25, 2016. We have an email marketing message coming out today; please share this message.
8. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, February 22, 2016, 9:00 am, Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 9:57 am