



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

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

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am. Minutes from the June 2015 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
  - A. Meth Updates: meth activity continues, including pseudo purchase log activity, CPS removals, and BEDHD testing.
  - B. Legislative Updates: Megan Palmer offered a legislative update on e-cigarettes:  
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(ysxy3gw3h4tna2dv155yijin\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2015-sb-0231](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ysxy3gw3h4tna2dv155yijin))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2015-sb-0231)
  - C. Other Updates:
    - i. Suicide Awareness: Julie Nakfoor Pratt had a booth at the Barry County Fair last week; she had materials relative to suicide prevention and she reported that the materials were quickly distributed with lots of questions.
    - ii. Marijuana and Toxic Pesticides: article from NPR was distributed.
2. Steering Committee: Jeff Pratt has joined the committee, which met on Friday, July 17, 2015. Compliance checks were discussed, as were local drug trends.
3. Drug Free Communities: No report.
4. Brief Presentations:
  - A. 2015 SATF Youth Leadership Scholarship: Carley Dole, a recent graduate from Thornapple Kellogg High School, received this year's \$1000 scholarship; she will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing. Carley has been a long time member of YLS and has participated in many SATF events. Good Luck, Carley!
  - B. ABYS 2015: Carley Dole and Justin Sydloski presented about the 2015 Youth Summit.
  - C. Youth2Youth: Justin Sydloski presented about his experience attending the Youth2Youth Summit, June 22-25, 2015, at Capital University, Bexley, OH.
5. Workgroup Reports:
  - A. Medicine Abuse Workgroup:
    - i. The SATF and the Barry Eaton District Health Department distributed almost 200 bags during the Barry County Fair; distribution will continue at several other community events.
    - 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. Underage Drinking Workgroup:
    - i. Project Sticker Shock was completed on 7/1/15; Compliance checks are completed for Summer 2015 with a compliance rate of 83%.
  - C. Public Awareness Workgroup:
    - i. A new media campaign has been launched, using #YOLO as the theme.
6. Old Business:
  - A. Regional Prevention Conference, "Marijuana: What's the BIG Deal?" was held on 6/24/15 and was well attended. Thank you to all SATF members who helped/volunteered during the event.
  - B. The Emergency Management Display at the Barry County Fair was also well-utilized, with over 128 volunteer hours, 202 EMS hours, 15 EMS calls, and 1739 bottles of water given away. Thank you to all the SATF volunteers for their time, and thank you to Jim Yarger for giving the SATF space for material distribution.
7. New Business:

- A. Summerfest Fun Run will be held on Saturday, August 28 ,2015; volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please let Liz/Megan know if you are available to help.
  - B. We will be partnering with Allegan County to bring in Jermaine Galloway in October 2015, for a full day presentation on drug recognition. There will be more information coming soon about this event which is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015, exact times/location TBD.
8. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, August 24, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry Intermediate School District, 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 9:44 am.