



Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

"Working Together for a Drug Free Community"

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Minutes from June 22, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:05am. Minutes from the March 2015 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
 - A. Meth Updates: One pot activity continues; recent law enforcement/SATF education visits indicate some increasing component activity. Hastings City Police and the Barry County Sheriff's Department will be calling in on local sporting goods stores to discuss potential component purchases. Just a reminder, meth trainings are available to any agency and can be requested by contacting Liz Lenz at llez@bccmha.org.
 - B. Legislative Updates: Megan Palmer offered a legislative update; the document will be sent out with the minutes.
 - C. Other Updates:
 - i. Palcohol/Powdered Alcohol: The Michigan Legislature has not taken action yet to ban the sales of Palcohol; the MLCC may take action. SATF members viewed the www.palcohol.com website and watched a short video which claimed powdered alcohol is "safer" than liquid alcohol.
2. Steering Committee: Ronna Steel will be leaving Barry County, and her spot on the SATF Steering Committee, to serve as the Superintendent of the Hillsdale Intermediate School District; we thank Ronna for her service. Jeff Pratt had indicated interest in being nominated to serve on the Steering Committee. He was nominated and elected by the SATF membership and will begin serving in July 2015.
3. Drug Free Communities: Megan Palmer reported briefly on the new DFC-Me workstation and report system.
4. Brief Presentations:
 - A. Allegan Barry Youth Summit 2015: tabled until July 2015 meeting.
5. Workgroup Reports:
 - A. Medicine Abuse Workgroup:
 - i. We have updated Medicine Collection Totals, with 388 pounds collected at the May 9, 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The updated collection document will be sent out with the minutes.
 - ii. The SATF and the Barry Eaton District Health Department has received support from the Solid Waste Oversight Committee to purchase and distribute 400 additional green totes throughout the county; we will distribute some at the Barry County Fair and other community events to encourage participation from underserved "zip codes".
 - B. Underage Drinking Workgroup:
 - i. Alcohol Vendor Education visits with law enforcement are almost complete; Youth Leadership youth and Jessica Howell are in Ohio for the 2015 Youth2Youth event to learn more about youth involvement in preventing underage drinking and other risk behaviors. Project Sticker Shock is planned for July 1, 2015.
 - C. Public Awareness Workgroup:
 - i. Meth and Heroin updates/pages have been added to the www.barrycountysatf.com website.
 - ii. New Marijuana media campaign has launched—"However you feel about Marijuana—it's STILL bad for kids" with a billboard.
 - iii. An "annual report" of sorts will run in the June 27, 2015 Reminder, featuring all our visual campaigns/messages.
 - iv. Partners in Prevention email messages is on a break for summer; a survey is being conducted to evaluate the messages.

6. Old Business:
 - A. Regional Prevention Conference, "Marijuana: What's the BIG Deal?" will be held on June 24, 2015, at the Kroc Center. Thank you to those members who will be helping with the event.
7. New Business:
 - A. Barry County Fair—Emergency Management Display: Jim Yarger is looking for volunteers to help staff the display, Tuesday, July 21-Saturday, July 26, 2015, 12 noon-10 pm. Please contact Jim at jyarger@barrycounty.org if you are interested.
 - B. 7th Annual Day of Defiance: Randall Bertrand announced the event will take place on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Hastings Skatepark, 10 am-?, with many youth participating. The SATF will be providing t-shirts to participants. Anyone looking for a fun time, please come and be a spectator.
 - C. Community Service/Fitness Fridays: Greg Kotrba and Tony Sewell reported on the activities happening with the Juvenile Court this summer; if interested in volunteering, please contact Greg Kotrba at gkotrba@barryco.org
 - D. Barry County Serenity Club: Sandy Rainer announced the upcoming Sober Picnic which is scheduled for August 16, 2015, 12-6 pm. If interested please email Sandy at sanleer321@gmail.com
 - E. Drug Trends Presentation: The SATF will be presenting on Thursday, June 25, 2015, 7-8 am, at the Pennock Continuing Medical Education forum. Please attend if you are able/interested; this will be held at the Pennock Conference Center.
8. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, July 27, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry Intermediate School District, 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:05 am