



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

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Minutes from March 28, 2016 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am. Minutes from the February 2016 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
 - A. Meth Updates: Hastings City Police has had some recent activity.
 - B. Legislative Updates:
 - i. SB 0332 has moved from the Senate to the House; this bill proposes changes to Minor in Possession of alcohol charges, making an MIP a civil infraction, rather than a misdemeanor.
 - ii. SB 0340 has also moved from the Senate to the House; this bill would amend the Youth Tobacco Act and change consequences for selling/giving/furnishing tobacco to minors.
 - C. Other Updates:
 - i. Recent drug activity in the county includes a large "bust" involving marijuana; heroin in the region is being found to contain high levels of fentanyl.
 - ii. Randall Bertrand discussed the newly installed Graffiti Wall at the Hastings Skatepark and its connecting to Kick Butts Day and quitting smoking. Lauren Cibor will be getting photos to the newspaper and posting on BEDHD social media.
 - iii. ABYS 2016 was successfully held on March 18, 2016 at Gun Lake Community Church with over 350 in attendance. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to make it a successful day.
2. Steering Committee:
 - A. No Report, given today's special presentation.
3. Special Presentation/Coalition Training: Michigan Medical Marijuana Act Update
 - A. Ken Stecker, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan presented an update on the MMMA. Focus included information on:
 - i. THC potency is increasing.
 - ii. Most MMMA certifications are for chronic pain and nausea.
 - iii. THC concentrates, edibles, and cultivation issues as it relates to the MMMA
 - iv. Marijuana and driving (THC in blood)
4. Workgroup Reports: Tabled until April 2016
5. Old Business:
 - A. SATF Scholarship Reviewing is underway.
6. New Business: None.
7. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2016, 9:00 am, Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:28 am