



Minutes from November 23, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

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

1. Updates:
 - A. Meth Updates: recent lab bust in Middleville; field fire in Orangeville started by dump of meth components.
 - 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. Hastings City Police is now trained to carry/administer Narcan and has the kits on board.
 - ii. A local retailer has chosen to relinquish their alcohol license in order to pursue other business options.
 - iii. Commercial Bank in Hastings has made a contribution to the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force; we will direct these funds to our Youth Leadership Workgroup.
 - iv. The 2016 SATF meeting schedule has been revised; please note the change in our May 2016 meeting to accommodate our SAMHSA Site Visit with LaVencia Sugars. Our May meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2016 at 9:00 am.
2. Steering Committee: no report.
3. Drug Free Communities Grant:
 - A. Sustainability plan has been submitted to SAMHSA.
 - B. Annual Internal Coalition Assessment is now closed. Thank you to all SATF members who participated.
 - C. Presentation--Engage, Empower, Empower: Megan Palmer and Liz Lenz showcased the www.talksooner.org website, and highlighted the "Advocacy" tab, which includes an overview of how individuals can take action for change within their community and with their policy-makers.
4. Workgroup Reports:
 - A. Heroin/Opioids Workgroup:
 - i. November's meeting included a report from Susan Peters, Health Analyst with the Barry Eaton District Health Department, relative to Barry County heroin/opioid data.
 - ii. This group will meet next on Thursday, December 10, 2015, with a presentation from the Red Project from Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 - B. Youth Leadership Workgroup:
 - i. Planning is underway for the 2016 Allegan Barry Youth Summit; the theme will be "Your World" and will be held on March 11, 2016. A mini lock-in was held on 11/6/15 to begin planning.
 - ii. YLS hosted another successful "Free Youth Movie Night" on Saturday, 11/21/15, and 100 tickets were given away to youth 12-18 years old.
 - C. Tobacco Reduction Coalition:
 - i. During the November meeting, TRC members had a focused conversation and identified five goals for future activities/plans, including:
 - a. Expanding communication
 - b. Policy change
 - c. Measurable outcomes
 - d. Identification of the cause behind tobacco use/behaviors
 - e. Accountability
 - ii. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016, where a full action plan will be developed.
5. Old Business:

- A. "High in Plain Sight", with Jermaine Galloway, was very well attended and well-received by participants. We will continue to partner with Allegan County and other regional partners on future events.
- 6. New Business:
 - A. For those members interested in supporting the SATF Youth Leadership Scholarship, year-end giving is much appreciated. Please contact the Barry Community Foundation for more information; all gifts should be marked "2016 SATF Scholarship".
- 7. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2016, 9:00 am, Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:05 am