



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

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## Minutes from October 26, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:04 am. Minutes from the September 2015 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:
  - A. Meth Updates: some dumpsites have been recently found, with more likely to be found during hunting season.
  - 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 commented on the "end of the season" for the Skate Park youth.
    - ii. The 2016 SATF meeting schedule was distributed.
2. Steering Committee: The Steering Committee met on 10/22/15 and has approved the 2015 Sustainability Plan for submission to SAMHSA as required by Drug Free Communities funding. A plan for any unencumbered funding is pending year-end reports, but the Steering Committee supports continued "highly-visible" messaging such as bus wraps/billboards, as well as the continuance of pharmacy medicine collection sites. Copies of the approved plan were distributed.
3. Workgroup Reports:
  - A. Heroin/Opioids Workgroup:
    - i. This group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and is continuing to work on compiling data indicators relevant to Barry County.
    - ii. A special grant from Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health is assisting law enforcement in obtaining Narcan; Hastings City Police is participating.
    - iii. Members are developing a work-plan; Barry Eaton District Health Department is compiling a report to share in November and The Red Project will be presenting in December.
4. Old Business:
  - A. "High in Plain Sight", with Jermaine Galloway, will be held at the Kroc Center on Friday, November 13, 2015; the cost is \$40 and the link to register is <https://highinplainsight.eventbrite.com>. All SATF members are encouraged to attend.
  - B. Youth Mental Health First Aid training is being offered this Friday, October 30, 2015, 8- 5pm, at the Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center; registration is open via <http://bcrynmhfa.eventbrite.com>
5. New Business:
  - A. The 2015 Internal Coalition Assessment survey is open online via <http://surveygoldcloud.com/s/8CC559AF6E9D4BE2/207.htm>. All members are asked to take the survey to assist the SATF in annual planning.
  - B. Electronic Cigarette Regulation Discussion: Dr. Schirmer initiated discussion around the lack of regulation of electronic vaping devices and the exploration of possible county-level regulation; discussion followed, which included the option to forward this issue to the Tobacco Reduction Coalition for further needs assessment and data collection. Motion was made by Julie Nakfoor Pratt to assign this task to the Tobacco Reduction Coalition (TRC), seconded by Jim Yarger, with approval by the SATF membership. Next TRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 12:30 pm. SATF members who expressed interest in joining the TRC to work on this issue will be contacted via email.
6. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, November 23, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 9:55 am