



Minutes from September 28, 2015, 2015 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

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

1. Updates:

- A. Meth Updates: mobile, one-pot labs continue to be found in the county; hunter safety was mentioned with the recent campaign to alert hunters to outdoor labs/meth dumps.
- B. Legislative Updates: Megan Palmer has compiled another extensive summary of related legislative updates; this will be emailed out with minutes. Please let Megan know if you'd like these updates to continue.
- C. Other Updates:
 - i. Tobacco 21: Dr. Schirmer and several other public health medical directors are continuing to advance their efforts to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21.
 - ii. MLCC and Alcohol Licensees: Sgt. Stein reported that an establishment with a license to sell alcohol cannot also sell drug paraphernalia.
 - iii. E-cigarettes were discussed; there continues to be no regulation of these devices or the vaping solutions.
 - iv. Randall Bertrand commented on the positive community policing efforts of the Hastings City Police with the Skate Park youth/community; last Wednesday for grilling hot dogs will be 9/30/15. Randall also reported the water fountain is installed and working!

2. Steering Committee:

- A. The Steering Committee met on 9/24/15 and has begun the process of developing an updated Sustainability Plan, which is required by SAMHSA for Year 7 DFC Funding.
- B. SATF members participated in some sustainability planning; with a motion by Tony Stein, second by Jerry Sarver, and full SATF approval of the following Sustainability Case Statement:
 - i. The Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force (SATF) plays a major role in preventing and reducing substance abuse issues and concerns in our community through a wide range of prevention strategies and special events for youth, families, and all community residents. Since 2004, SATF partners have been working together to make efficient use of resources while collaborating to raise awareness of the need for lasting changes. The diverse membership of the SATF also develops and implements data-driven prevention strategies, practices, and policies throughout the community designed to reduce substance abuse problems over time. The SATF is committed to addressing all substance use issues, including emerging drug trends, with responsive, collaborative action. The SATF must be continued, as all members recognize the significant benefits of working together in an organized manner to make Barry County safer for all residents.

C. More sustainability planning discussion followed:

Why must the SATF continue?	What does the SATF do that must continue?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking, working together to address/prevent issues • MiPHY data indicates decrease in youth use of alcohol, tobacco, and Rx drugs • Communication works • Awareness, visibility of issues • Good work must continue • Positive community impact • Positive social norming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising • Coordination between agencies/organizations with learning/sharing; networking • Interactions and relationships with members of the business community; face-to-face education/visits • Positive reinforcement for compliant retailers; education/training for non-compliance • Relationship building • Public awareness efforts...billboards/bus-wraps • Education

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3. Workgroup Reports:

A. Medicine Abuse Workgroup:

- i. Thank you to all SATF partners who helped with another successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on 9/26/15; the Hastings Police Cadets were very much appreciated for volunteering their time.

B. Heroin/Opioids Workgroup:

- i. Initial meeting was held on 9/10/15, next meeting scheduled for 10/8/15 at 1:00 pm; Hastings City Hall. We will continue to gather data and develop an action plan.

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>

5. New Business:

- A. SATF Orientations for those who have recently joined the SATF are available; Liz Lenz will contact several members and set up a time to meet.
- B. Girl's Night Out will be held in Hastings on Thursday, October 1, 2015.
- C. The SATF meeting location has been changed to Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, a motion to change our venue was made by Dale Boulter, seconded by Jeff Pratt, and approved by SATF membership.

6. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2015, 9:00 am, Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:01 am