



Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

"Working Together for a Drug Free Community"

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Minutes from September 26, 2016 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am. Minutes from the August 2016 meeting and the agenda were approved. Introductions were completed.

1. Updates:

A. Meth Updates:

- i. Barry County Sheriff's Department has had recent activity/busts.
- ii. SWET reports an increase in Mexican Ice and a decrease in local manufacturing; there is also the misperception that using meth in tandem with heroin will prevent overdose.
- iii. CPS is seeing an increase in positive urine screens and removals for methamphetamine, and sometimes meth in combination with heroin.

B. Legislative Updates:

- i. A legislative update was given; the electronic document will be shared with the minutes of today's meeting.
- ii. Of note is the passing of HB 4209, HB 4210, and HB 4827 have been passed, enrolled, and signed by Governor Snyder into Public Acts immediately. These pieces of legislation pertain to Michigan's Medical Marijuana Act.
- iii. Dr. Schirmer informed SATF members of the changes coming in Michigan's public health structure, including the formation of a cabinet position.

C. Other Updates:

- i. Sgt. Rob Horrmann with the Barry County Sheriff's Department was introduced by Undersheriff Matt Houchlei; the BCSD Front Office will be closed this week due to remodeling.
- ii. Carfentanil-laced heroin has made its way to West Michigan. A statewide conference call on carfentanil awareness will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016, 2-3:30 pm. Dr. Schirmer will forward the conference call information, which will be shared via email.

2. Steering Committee:

- i. Cindy Bigler gave the report of the most recent meeting (9/22/16); Deputy Chief Dale Boulter is now representing Hastings City Police on the Steering Committee.

3. Drug Free Communities Update

- A. DFC Grant: we are closing Year 7 and opening Year 8.
- B. STOP Act Grant: we will be closing out Year 4 of this 4 year grant.

4. Workgroup Reports/Updates:

A. Tobacco Reduction Coalition:

- i. Special Presentation: Environment Scan 2016 results were shared by Tessa Verburg, Lauren Cibor, and Megan Palmer, with discussion following.

B. Public Awareness Workgroup:

- i. SATF's 2016 Annual Report was in the September 3, 2016 Reminder; flyers were shared.
- ii. A new underage drinking prevention billboard is up in Delton; a new bus wrap is featured on a transit bus with "Teens Need a Role Model".

C. Medicine Abuse Workgroup:

- i. Household Hazardous Waste Collection/Med Take Back was held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Barry County Fairgrounds with 129/329 (39.2%) vehicles bringing back medications. Thank you to all SATF members and volunteers who made this happen.
- ii. DEA National Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for October 22, 2016 with the Barry County Sheriff's Department registered to participate.
- iii. Pharmacy collection programs are being reviewed; we are currently participating with Yellow Jugs Old Drugs and West Michigan Take Back Meds.

D. Heroin/Opioids Workgroup:

- i. Registration for "Prescription Drugs and Heroin: The Next Steps" is open via Eventbrite at <https://2016heroinopioidsummit.eventbrite.com>; the event is scheduled for 10/14/16 in Battle Creek at FireKeepers Casino Conference Center.
 - ii. We are still gathering info for our readiness assessment; please contact Megan Palmer for more information.
 - iii. SATF members presented on data and our response to the opioid epidemic in Barry County at the Spectrum Pennock CME on 9/22/16; thank you to the partners who presented.
- E. Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup:
- i. This workgroup is restructuring and a special meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 9:30 am at Hastings City Hall.
5. New Business:
- A. AT the October SATF Meeting, Barry County MiPHY Data, 2010-2016, will be shared/summarized by our evaluator, Kathleen Zimmerman-Oster, PhD.
 - B. Randall Bertrand and Dave Doozan shared with the SATF membership about a new initiative, HOTDOGS (Helping Others Through Development Of Goal Strategies), which they are hoping to launch in 2017 as a volunteer-based youth mentoring program. They will keep the SATF updated on their progress.
6. Next meeting Date: Next Meeting will be Monday, October 24, 2016, 9:00 am, Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center, 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings, MI 49058.

Adjournment at 10:05 am.