



Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

"Working Together for a Drug Free Community"

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Minutes from September 29, 2014 meeting of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am. Minutes from the August 2014 meeting and the agenda were approved.

1. Updates:
 - A. Meth Updates- None
 - B. Other Updates:
 - i. October 2014 has been designated as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month by SAMHSA; the SATF will be distributing information and resources.
 - ii. A new synthetic drug, Cloud 9 or Hookah Relax, has recently caused some issues in Eastern Michigan. SATF members will be communicating the risks of this substance to retailers and community partners. A link to an article: <http://www.nbcnews.com/watch/nightly-news/synthetic-drug-cloud-9-linked-to-several-hospitalizations-334602819802>
 - iii. The DEA has recently launched a new website, Get Smart About Drugs—DEA Resource for Parents, Educators, and Caregivers; the link is <http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/>
 - iv. Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) has a good website about Marijuana policy; <http://learnaboutsam.org/>
 - v. The SATF continues to partner with Talksooner.org; we recently co-presented at the State Annual Substance Use Disorder Conference. Our partnership will continue, and red cups were distributed with Talksooner.org information
2. SATF Steering Committee:
 - A. The Steering Committee met on 9/24/14; Cindy Bigler reported on the DEA's new rules and the corresponding Federal Register, as well as what the changes will mean to medicine collection in our community. Steering Committee members and SATF staff are working to learn more.
3. Drug Free Communities:
 - A. DFC
 - i. On 9/19/14, the SATF officially received notice of award for Drug Free Communities Support Program, year 6-10 funding. This is a huge accomplishment for all SATF member and partners, and reflects our success in working together to make Barry County safer and healthier.
 - B. STOP Act Grant—Special Presentation: 2014 Environmental Scan Summary
 - i. Jessica Howell presented on the finding of the 2014 Environmental Scan of Alcohol Retailers; the powerpoint presentation will be uploaded to the SATF website, www.barrycountysatf.com
4. Workgroup Reports:
 - A. Underage Drinking Workgroup:
 - i. The MLCC Presentation held on Friday, 9/5/14, was well attended and helpful. Chief Pratt, Prosecutor Pratt, and Liz Lenz also presented to Hastings' Downtown Business Team regarding alcohol beverage consumption without licenses on 9/23/14.
 - B. Youth Leadership:
 - i. Our group has been meeting, and youth will soon beginning working to prepare for the 2015 Allegan Barry Youth Summit; the youth will also be recruiting youth from Hastings and Maple Valley.
 - C. Medicine Abuse Workgroup
 - i. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection was held on 9/20/14, with almost a half-gallon of controlled liquids collected, and 4,305.5 controlled pills. Non-controlled weights are not yet available. Thank you to all our volunteers for another successful event!
 - ii. As previously discussed, the DEA has new rules about medicine collection which go into effect 10/9/14. The Federal Register was distributed. SATF members will be working to understand the new rules/changes.
 - iii. Provided we have carryover funds, and pending SATF approval, the general feeling is to continue Yellow Jugs Old Drugs, and offer the participating pharmacies the opportunity to register with the DEA to become a reverse distributor, if they desire.
 - iv. Nashville Police Department has requested to be added as a Law Enforcement permanent collection site; cost for the box is \$375, and would have to be covered by non-federal (non-DFC) funds. Jerry Sarver made the motion to purchase the box at the cost of \$375 for the Nashville Police Department; Tony Stein seconded and SATF membership voted to approve the purchase, with stipulation that NPD monitor the

box appropriately and securely. Lt. Olejniczek with the Barry County Sheriff's Department will also be contacted regarding the additional collection site.

5. Old Business:

A. Bosley Pharmacy, a longtime SATF partner, is joining Walgreens in Hastings. A thank you note was passed around for all members to sign, thanking Bosley's for their commitment to our community.

6. New Business:

A. Randall Bertrand shared about recent skat epark events, including one youth's recent decision to be baptized.

7. Next meeting Next SATF Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014, 9:00 am, Barry Intermediate School District, 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Hastings, MI 49058

Adjournment at 10:07 am