

Clinton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

THE MISSION OF CLINTON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION IS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS AMONG ALL CLINTON COUNTY RESIDENTS, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON YOUTH

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 18, 2009 MMD Health Department 8:30 a.m.

I. Introductions

- Members present : See sign-in sheet for attendance. Warm welcome to the five new school-based members. The Coalition is very happy with school participation at Coalition meetings, and with all the work of students and staff around the *Parents Who Host* campaigns.

II. Approval Agenda/ Minutes

- Ruth added an item under new business: How to Raise a Drug Free Child Initiative ideas.
- Chris moved to approve agenda and October minutes, Karen 2nd. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Chris reported there a current balance of \$1907.46 .

IV. Coordinator's Report- See Handout

- Tri-county Clinton, Ingham and Eaton Tobacco Reduction Strategic Planning is continuing : Clinton is exploring opportunities for local services, such as tobacco cessation classes and quit support groups to be held in Clinton County. Final Plan will be reviewed by CSAPC and submitted to Mid-South.
- Karla wondered about program from Willow Plaza Center being offered here. Ruth will check into it. Alternative Education has over 80% of kids smoking. St. Johns High School SADD students will be doing a Great American Smoke-Out event; handing out lifesavers with smoking cessation and tobacco prevention messages and highlighting the Great American Smoke Out efforts nationally.

- Parenting Awareness Conference Updates: Ten Clinton representatives attended the Conference. Ruth monitored a session by Ken Dale, MCRUD Coordinator, which was an excellent presentation with lots of resources. Coalition is considering asking Ken to come and present to CSAP on reducing underage drinking strategies.
- Children's Trust Fund Conference Updates: Jessica and Ruth attended. Several sessions on building Logic Models, grant-writing, building comprehensive prevention models to address community needs.
- Received a weeklong extension from Mid-South on Year-End Report, due to Ruth being out ill.
- 2009-2010 CSAPC Meeting Calendar distributed. Includes important due dates for funding, such as DFC deadline and Mid-South requirements.
- Website is in progress, hopefully will go live soon. Kayla Maki offered to help with the website to keep it updated. Chris suggested having a presentation on website in January,

V. MSSAC Updates:

A. Reduction of SPF-SIG Funding

- SPF-SIG money has been cut from \$24,000.00 to \$4,600.00. Other counties experienced some reductions also.

B. MOU with CCSAC

- MOU has been signed and submitted. On file with CSAPC

C. Agency Action Plans

- Action Plans have to be updated and submitted to Mid-South. Members discussed the amount of time and work that is required, and level of detail in the template required by Mid-South.

D. CSAPC Communication Plan 2009-2010

- See handout. It defines everything that is going to be done regarding Media for the 2009-2010 FY.

VI. Smoke-Free Coalition Efforts: Connie/ Kim – absent.

- Ruth reported that group has not met recently, however, there is movement at the State level. Ruth has passed along Action Alerts to CSAP members. Discussed the MMDHD process toward smokefree counties for new members. Gratiot County Commissioners calling for public input, scheduling a public meeting soon. Eileen said if Gratiot

doesn't want to get on board, Clinton may try to still pass something. The group reviewed some of the many positive changes that have occurred in recent years, smoke-free restaurants, workplaces, Clinton Memorial Hospital campus, and heightened public interest in having a smoke free county. The Coalition worked diligently for the smoke free regulation and continues to support many tobacco reduction initiatives within the county and State.

VII. Old Business

A. 2009 Compliance Check Executive Summaries

- Kyle distributed Executive Summary of 2009 Tobacco and Alcohol compliance Checks. See report for information. Group discussed the process and protocols to familiarize new members. Compliance rates have continued to go up, supporting reduced sales to minors.
- Synar was completed in July. It is a federal mandate. If not in compliance, Coordinating agencies can lose federal funding. Clinton had a 0% sale rate again this year. Excellent!
- Discussion around curricula offered in the schools and the need to teach tobacco and alcohol prevention at elementary, middle school and again in high school. Students discussed what and when they had been taught, and would like to have input in decisions about curricula the Coalition is considering to supplement the Michigan Model.

B. Prescription Drug Disposal events

- Nov 20 and Dec. 4 from 1:00 – 5:00 at Clinton Memorial Hospital- representatives from Sheriff's Office, CMH Pharmacy, Clinton Waste Management and CSAPC will coordinate the events. There has been a great response from the public. Ruth will provide a summary report of summer and fall activities at the January meeting.

C. Coalition Website updates

- Last meeting we officially changed our coalition name to Clinton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. Have had to rework our logo and website. Several examples of other coalitions' logos and websites were passed around, and discussed. The prototype of our new logo, supplied by our web designer, Gary Vittoz, was favorably received.

D. Drug-Free Communities proposal feedback

- Ruth will put together a report regarding the feedback to the proposal and share next month. We did not receive the grant, but will be applying again next year. Free/reduced lunch eligibility percentages are strongly considered in funding decisions. Clinton County as a whole is not at a

level considered critical; but several local communities such as Bath and Ovid-Elsie have high percentages of need. Proposal may need to focus on those communities.

E. *“Parents Who Host”* Campaign update

- Two billboards are up on US-27, one facing south and one north, for four weeks. Banners have been distributed to schools, along with other resources.
- Bill boards will be displayed again in April, 2010, to support Safe Prom and Graduation initiatives. Marie Barks offered to put signs on Barks’ Family property throughout the St. Johns area. Ruth will check into any legal issues involved. Thanks, Marie!

VIII. New Business

A. 2008 Town Hall Evaluation Report

- Several Town Hall meetings were held in Clinton County during 2008 to raise awareness of the need to reduce under-age drinking. Student teams from St. Johns, Ovid-Elsie and Bath facilitated the Town Hall meetings along with members of local law enforcement, Coalition members, Court and human service agency representatives. Stories were aired on radio, television, and in newspaper venues.

B. *“How to Raise a Drug-Free Child”* Initiative

- The Coalition ordered over 100 books to be distributed at Parent Forum meetings throughout the county. The first Parent Forum is being organized in St. Johns on January 2, 2010. Flyers will be available soon. Karla, Ruth and some of the students will discuss ideas for holding workshops/forums around the county. Ideas were shared about effective visuals such as those used by NOT presentations (rat poison, cotton balls w/bottle) to demonstrate dangerous chemicals and toxins in drugs.

IX. Agency Updates and Announcements

- Kyle shared information on the article published on the Meth Ring arrests in Clinton County. He recognized the excellent work of Officers Clark and Crawford in making the arrests.
- Karen shared the 2009 Status of Young Children Report.
- Kathy Fehrenbach, St. Johns High School teacher and SADD advisor, announced April 29 & 30, as the dates for the Mock Car Crash at St. Johns, and the student- led prevention activities around Safe Prom and Graduation.
- Ruth passed around information on upcoming parenting classes.
- Karla has posted MiPHY information on SJ website. Discussion of how this group could help facilitate so that all schools are participating in MiPHY and ensuring local data..
- Schedule for H1N1 Clinics at St. Johns, and DeWitt announced.
- Kathy F. reported lots of success with SADD activities in St. Johns.
- Karla talked about have parents signing a pledge saying they won't host underage alcohol parties, and then possibly publishing parent list on website. Considerable discussion on topic.

Karla moved to adjourn, Eileen Mapes 2nd . Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 8:30 a.m., Mid-Michigan
District Health Department**