



Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
December Meeting Minutes
Location: VBCH Community Services Center
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Melissa Daugherty at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Gloria Brown – Other Organization, Ray Brownsworth – Healthcare, Julie Chapuis – Schools, Melissa Daugherty – Youth Serving Organization, Tonja Jirak – Parent, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Alondra Majin – Other Organization, Lee McIntosh – Law Enforcement, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator, Kathy Saltzgaver – Local Government, Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson – Civic

November Minutes approved by: Lee McIntosh **Second:** Gloria Brown

Topic: Iowa Partnership for Success (IPFS) Planning – Review Logic Model and Determine Strategies

- Kris shared that at the last meeting the coalition members had developed logic models for the priorities laid out by the state for the IPFS Grantees to address (Underage Drinking and Underage Binge Drinking). During that discussion the coalition members talked about the intervening variables (the but why is this an issue) and the underlying conditions (the but why here – what the issue looks like in Van Buren County).
- She then asked the members present to review the underlying conditions and decide whether or not they can be addressed during the duration of the IPFS Grant. The coalition discussed which ones it could effect change on during the duration of the grant. At the end of the discussion the members agreed that for Underage Drinking they could address street dances at bars/alcohol at community events, parents hosting parties, near peers partying with teens and alcohol at summer coed softball tournaments. For Underage Binge Drinking they felt that the coalition could address coolers of alcohol allowed at private events and not monitored, coolers of alcohol allowed at public events and not monitored, youth only attend parties a few time and drink a lot when they do drink and teens do not think that drinking heavily can harm them.
- Kris then asked the coalition members to discuss the strategies that could be utilized to address the underlying conditions in Van Buren County. The discussion led to the agreement on the following strategies: Social Host Liability to address parents hosting parties, near peers partying with teens and coolers of alcohol at private events and not monitored; Alcohol Restrictions at Community Events to address street dances at bars/alcohol at community events and coolers of alcohol at public events and not monitored; Alcohol Use Restrictions in Public Places to address alcohol at summer coed softball tournaments; and All Stars/LifeSkills Training Program for the individual strategy to address youth only attend parties a few times and drink a lot when they do drink and youth do not think that drinking heavily can harm them.
- Lee asked if the coalition has access to the hospital ER records for alcohol related cases. Kris said that the coalition is working with the hospital presently to see if that data can be accessed and tracked. Julie asked if the coalition tracks the co-occurrence of domestic violence and substance abuse. Kris said that currently the coalition has not been tracking that data.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: YLC Activities

- Melissa shared that the YLC Members have been busy. They decorated a tree for the festival of trees and they lit the Christmas tree in the park. The Great American Smokeout was in November and the groups did several activities. The VBMS Students did posters, a number activity and a dodge ball tournament where KTVO came and interviewed the YLC students (they raised money for the local food pantry with this event as well). The VBHS Students focused on chewing tobacco and did a number activity, a mystery box, newspaper articles and announcements at the school. Harmony's Students did posters and a luminary display at a basketball game.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Other Business

- Kathy shared that the Salvation Army will have a kettle at the Dutchman's Store this Saturday, December 19, 2015 and they are in need of bell ringers from 12 pm – 2 pm and 2 pm – 4pm. If you are willing to volunteer please contact Susan Frey or Kathy Saltzgaver at their office 319-293-3793.
- Alondra asked if anyone knew who the transitions coordinator was for the County Jail. Lee shared that he does not know of one.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Van Buren County Hospital Community Services Center Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned: At 10:00 a.m.

*Meeting minutes are only a summary of the meeting. For a recording of the full dialogue of the meeting you may contact the coalition office.