



Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
January Meeting Minutes
Location: VBCH Community Services Center
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
2:05 pm

Meeting called to order by Melissa Daugherty at 2:05 p.m.

Members Present: Heidi Bainbridge – DFC Coalition Director, Ray Brownsworth – Healthcare Professional, Melissa Daugherty – Youth Serving Organization, Tonja Jirak – Parent, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Lee McIntosh – Law Enforcement, Kris Rankin – Parent, Janine Vermazen – Other Organization, Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson – Other Organization

December Minutes approved by: Ray Brownsworth **Second:** Lee McIntosh

Topic: DFC Update– In Packets

- Melissa shared that the DFC Update is in everyone’s packet and it is the one that is emailed to everyone. Heidi asked if everyone is receiving it – everyone said they are.

ACTION STEP:None

Topic: YLC Update

- Melissa shared that the students are preparing for National Drug Facts Week next week and have lots of activities scheduled for that. Heidi shared that the VBCSD YLC members have chosen to focus on a different drug each day. She said Monday is Marijuana with posters and peer teaching activities; Tuesday is Tobacco with a social norming activity in the halls and a mystery box activity during lunch; Wednesday is prescription drugs with pill bottle facts hung in the hallways and posters; Thursday is alcohol with peer teaching, a balloon fact scavenger hunt and posters; Friday is miscellaneous drugs – inhalents, synthetics, etc. with posters. Harmony made graffiti walls to hang in their school with drug facts, will be doing a balloon scavenger hunt, peer teaching with 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at the Elementary School, posters and an article in the newspapers. Both Harmony and Van Buren members will be participating in the KMEM Coffee Break radio show on Tuesday talking about the week and their activities.
- Melissa shared that the Van Buren Middle School YLC members are also busy planning for Kick Butts Day in March.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Partnership for Success Funds

- Heidi shared that on Thursday the coalition will find out whether or not it was awarded this grant. She shared that these are funds that the coalition would get for the next 4 years and 8 months to address underage drinking and binge drinking in the youth of Van Buren County. Heidi said it will be in the February Update and the coalition staff will pass the information on to coalition members when they know the outcome. She said the odds are pretty good as there were not a lot of applicants and those applicants had to be from specific counties.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Workgroup Time

- Heidi shared that the bulk of the meeting today will be work group time. She shared that there is a lot of stuff that needs to be worked on in smaller groups. So the members present will be breaking up into groups and work on those things. She said the last time the groups met they had come up with tasks and activities and today the groups need to determine if the tasks have been completed and what needs to happen next and if they have not been completed how, by whom and when they need to be completed.
- Heidi said that the groups for today are Hospital – SBIRT/PMP; Worksites & Industries; OTC Prescription Medications; Near Peers/Parents; and Marijuana.
- Members then broke up into their groups and worked.

ACTION STEP: Coalition members come prepared to work in work groups in February

By Whom: All Coalition Members able to attend the meeting

By When: February Coalition Meeting

Other Business:

- Changing coalition meeting times: Melissa shared that the coalition board would like to change the meeting time in the future. Heidi shared that Tuesdays seem to be the best day, but the time has become problematic. She said that it seems that Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am might work better and asked for members present opinions. Tammy mentioned it would mean she would have to leave home very early, but is ok with the change. Heidi shared that the coalition did a survey a while back about the best meeting times for members and this seems like a time that would work. All agreed to try this time in February.
- Alcohol Compliance Checks: They were held over the past weekend. Heidi said that the spread sheet of who was checked will be shared in February as the coalition staff are

in the process of getting this information from the Sheriff's Office. She said that the coalition staff did find out that two people/merchants did fail the compliance check. She said that both of these people had been trained in the past. One was current and one was expired. She shared that one was the owner of the bar in Bonaparte who is currently trained and one was an employee at Douds Kwik Stop that was not currently trained. Neither business has had a violation in the past two years. Heidi said that the Sheriff's Reserve Officers will be doing one more round of these this year.

- Upcoming Spring Events at Van Buren Community School District that the coalition will be partnering with the school on: Heidi shared that these activities are targeted at improving the school climate at VBCSD. She shared there will be a Career Fair for Juniors and Seniors on February 27th with college representatives and work shops for the students to go to; Senior Week will be March 9-13 and will include presentations on personal safety, financial management, drug & alcohol safety, A Game that is on soft skills and work habits and finally a career readiness assessment – this is for graduating seniors to help prepare them for the transition to college or career; Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of the 16th and to kick it off the school will be holding it's Mandatory Parent/Team Meetings (Spring & Summer Sports) on March 16th and will include a meal starting at 5:00 pm and a Transition Night Presentation from 6:30 – 7:30 pm – this is for parents of Junior & Senior students with IEPs to help them with their transition from school to college or career; Warrior Assembly will be held on March 20th this is a time to recognize students for their achievements and they have a speaker come in to speak to the students – this has so far been Van Buren Graduates; VBHS Community Service day will be on May 1.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 9:00 am at Van Buren County Hospital Community Services Center Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned: At 2:45 p.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.