



**Van Buren County SAFE Coalition**  
**November Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: VBCH Community Services Center**  
**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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

**Members Present:** Heidi Bainbridge – DFC Coalition Director, Gloria Brown – Other Organization, Makenzie Crull – Other Organization, Melissa Daugherty – Youth Serving Organization, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Alondra Majin – Other Organization, Lee McIntosh – Law Enforcement, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator, Lindee Thomas – Public Health

**October Minutes approved by:** Heidi Bainbridge **Second:** Ginger Shaw

**Topic:** DFC Extension

- Heidi shared that at the last meeting the coalition had done some work planning for the DFC Extension. From that planning there were some activities that needed to be done.
- For Social Host and Law Enforcement Policies the activity was to meet with the county attorney. That happened yesterday and during the meeting social host and law enforcement policies were both discussed. It was an okay meeting. He did not commit to much, but is willing to assist the coalition in the process of the social host. Once the coalition members began to talk to him about the social host targeting near peers parties more than parents he was more on board. The coalition members shared Jefferson County's Social Host and Ginger's comparison of Jefferson County's Social Host and the State's Social Host with him. He agreed that he would be happy to review a policy and give his feedback on it. The coalition will continue to work with him on the Social Host. He will not be able to attend meetings because of his busy schedule, but he does receive the coalition's information and he is willing to work with the coalition. In regards to law enforcement policies he said he has been working closely with law enforcement on general policies and things are getting tighter. Heidi suggested she could provide some specific underage drinking policy information for him that she has from when Travis Bruyer came and did the law enforcement trainings a few years ago and he was open to receiving that from her. He was not 100% behind it at this time as there some higher priorities right now. It is important to him, but it is not the biggest issue the county is dealing with right now. The social host initiative will be rolling into IPFS as the coalition moves forward with it. The coalition members do still plan to meet with the Board of Supervisors to get their feedback as well on the social host. The sheriff is on board, Abe is willing to work with the coalition and the next step is the board of supervisors.
- For increasing fines and penalties (which also has to do with Law Enforcement Policies) Heidi found out from the county clerk that the process of increasing fines and penalties and having the proceeds come back to support prevention work in the county is not an option for Van Buren County as they do not have local/city law enforcement, but only a county wide law enforcement through the Sheriff's Office. So, all of those fines and fees go directly to the state. If there were local/city law enforcement the fees would go to local government. So, there is no way to write in some of those fees for prevention work in Van Buren County. Heidi also asked about the DARE Surcharge and the clerk said that also goes to the state. Abe thought the DARE Surcharge was just for drug offenses but a coworker in his office thought it was also for drinking and driving offenses. Ginger said she wondered if the coalition could just ask someone at the state auditors where that money is going. Heidi shared that DARE has pretty much gone away now. Jenny might be able to give the coalition more information on the DARE funds if it is interested. Heidi said she was so very helpful and interested in the work of the coalition and is now on the email list to receive the coalition information. She is not able to come to meetings as she is not generally in Van Buren County on Tuesdays.
- For Hospital/SBIRT after a discussion last week about this it was decided that the coalition and hospital are holding off on that due to staff turnover at the hospital, staffing restrictions and not having the manpower to implement that program at this time.
- For Hospital Data there has not been a report back from Ray and Chris on this at this time. Heidi will let the coalition know more about this as soon as she knows something.
- This work will be closing out next month. Please let Heidi know if there is anything else that needs to be done for the finalization of this grant.

**ACTION STEP:** Find out if data can be collected and shared with the coalition from the hospital database.

**By Whom:** Heidi and Ray

**By When:** December 31, 2015

**Topic:** Iowa Partnership for Success (IPFS) Planning

- Kris shared that the coalition has received the planning deliverables and the coalition staff have looked over those and that will be a major part of the meeting today.
- Heidi and Kris attended the National Prevention Network Conference last week and it was a good conference. Kris went to a really good session on a statewide social norms campaign that addresses underage drinking that was used in Utah and they have made it cost effective for other states to use a similar program in their states. Heidi shared that she enjoyed hearing the Surgeon General speak about prevention and hearing his plan for moving forward. He is very innovative, technically inclined and forward thinking. He wants to do a lot with media and social media with prevention. Some of the other sessions she attended were not as applicable as IPFS is streamlined in what the coalition can do with that

funding and the other sessions were about strategies that others are utilizing and are not strategies the coalition can implement at this time. She gathered good information and made some good connections while she was there.

- Heidi reminded coalition members to let Kris know if they have made their capacity building contacts and if so what the results were.
- Heidi led a discussion on problem analysis that utilized the County Priorities and Conclusions from the Van Buren County IPFS County Assessment Workbook and logic model work sheets. Heidi pointed out that the Intervening Variables ranked as follows: Retail Availability was fourth, Social Availability was first, Promotion was fifth, Community Norms were second and Individual Factors were third. The final conclusions of the coalition were that the areas that could be addressed with a larger impact were Social Availability, Community Norms and Retail Availability. The intervening variables are why this is a problem in the community.
- Discussion on Underage Drinking results: Why is it a problem – community norms, social availability and individual factors. But Why Here: Social Availability – Parties in rural areas/fields and farms, Coed summer softball games where alcohol is available, Alcohol is available in their homes, Near Peers who provide alcohol at parties with underage attendees; Community Norms – The number of liquor licenses per capita, street dances, community events serving alcohol more often, events where alcohol is brought, consumed and available to youth; Individual Factors – Parents hosting graduation parties with alcohol at them.
- Discussion on Underage Binge Drinking results: Why is it a problem – community norms and individual factors. But Why Here: Community Norms – Lack of limits on alcohol brought to the softball games, no limits on alcohol sales at events, example of adults in the community where they are binge drinking; Individual Factors – not aware of the dangers and do not think it will happen to them, they drink a lot all at once because they do not get to drink very often.
- Parking Lot: Enforcement – how large the community is and inability of the law enforcement to cover the whole county due to personnel and funding restrictions.
- Heidi shared that it is hard to change an individual's value, belief or attitude. Even if it is something the coalition feels is wrong.
- Heidi went over the issues and everyone agreed the coalition can have impact on the following issues: Alcohol at the coed softball games, parents providing alcohol at parties in their homes, near peers providing alcohol at parties, parties in fields/farms, alcohol available in homes, alcohol at community events, number of retail licenses, drink heavily because they do not think it will happen to them, heavily drinking because they do not drink often and coolers with alcohol at events.
- During the December meeting the coalition will discuss what strategies can be applied to the issues.

**ACTION STEP:** Let Kris know if you have contacted your capacity contacts and if you have what the result of that contact was.

**By Whom:** Coalition Members

**By When:** December 15, 2015

**Topic:** Other Business

- Kognito Trainings: Kris shared that these are trainings for adults who work regularly with youth. IDPH has setup the Van Buren County SAFE Coalition as an option for participants in the county who are not teachers to choose. If they are teachers they just choose their school district. There is a flier in everyone's packets that they can use to share the information about the trainings with people in Van Buren County who would be interested in taking the trainings. If you have questions or need more fliers please contact Kris at the coalition office. Please make sure it is only people who work with youth regularly, such as: 4-H Leaders, scout leaders, youth leaders, etc. Heidi met with Julie at the Van Buren Community School District and she is going to take the trainings and then she will move forward with recommendations for all staff in the schools to the administration. The options are elementary age, middle school age, high school age and the LGBTQ students. Gloria suggested that this would be good for non-certified staff at the schools as well, such as: coaches, cooks, librarians, paras, bus drivers, custodians, etc. Someone employed with the school can choose the school and non-school employees can choose the coalition instead. Kris shared that it is just good information for anyone working with youth.
- Gloria shared fliers and information with the members present on the upcoming DECAT training on cultural competence titled The New Iowan Training. Heidi shared it is important for the coalition to be aware of what is going on culturally in Iowa as it deals with substance abuse prevention in Van Buren County.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 15, 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.