



Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
April Meeting Minutes
Location: VBCH Community Services Center
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
9:00 a.m.

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

Members Present: Heidi Bainbridge – IPFS Supervisor, Gloria Brown – Other Organization, Julie Chapuis – Schools, Melissa Daugherty – Youth Serving Organization, Alondra Majin – Other Organization, Mark Meek – Local Government, Lisa Plecker – Local Government, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator

March Minutes approved by: Julie Chapuis **Second:** Lisa Plecker

Topic: Prescription Drug Take Back Event – April 30, 2016

- Kris shared that the coalition has begun to promote the upcoming Prescription Drug Take Back Event being held on April 30, 2016. The Keosauqua Senior Center has been reserved for the event. The Sheriff's Reserve Officers will be hosting the event. Lee McIntosh is coordinating the event for the Sheriff's Reserve Officers. Kris passed out fliers for members to post in the county. There will be an article and an ad in the VB County Register. Kris has been promoting the event at City Council meetings this week. Gloria posted one in Stockport at the City Hall and Post Office. Lisa posted one at the Court House in Keosauqua. Kris ordered the stickers for prescription bags at Lee's Pharmacy and dropped them off with Larry Thomas on Friday. Heidi shared that she will make an event on Face Book to promote this event and would like to have coalition members share it on their pages. This is a good way to get the word out to parents. The coalition gets good feedback about this event and they are glad it is being offered, but it seems a lot of the time people do not hear about it until it is over. Law Enforcement is willing to work with people if they cannot make it to the event on that Saturday. In September 2015 they stopped in at the High School and picked up meds from the nurse that needed to be disposed of and she could not transport to them. So, let the coalition staff know of a situation like that. Kris will be checking in with the school districts, the Keosauqua Health Center and Center Village to see if they need the Reserve Officers to stop in the Friday before for the disposal service.

ACTION STEP: Promote & Hold Rx Take Back Event

By Whom: Sheriff's Reserve Officers, Coalition Staff & Coalition Members

By When: April 30, 2016

Topic: Color Run/Town Hall 2016

- Melissa shared that the event went well. The YLC Members planned the Color Run and manned it. There were 85 people who participated in the Run/Walk. The kids had a blast doing it and will probably want to do it again. Then participants came in to the Roberts Building and got their food and then the town hall presentation began while they were eating. There were some that had to leave for ball games, but there was still a good crowd for the town hall. Kris shared that Kitty Bogle, Sieda Community Action, Pat McAvan, Assistant Jefferson County Attorney, Dan Tedrow, Van Buren County Sheriff, and Abe Watkins, Van Buren County Attorney made up a panel who did short presentations on social host ordinances and the possibility of having a local one in Van Buren County. Gloria shared that Pat was impressed with the number of kids there. As a presenter he was impressed. Heidi shared that Pat did a really nice job. He helped people understand the difference between providing alcohol to a minor law that is on the books and what a local social host ordinance could do for the county. That was really important for people to hear. Heidi loved his quote "What we permit we promote". The sports analogies were very good and resonated with the kids and parents. Heidi shared she did a head count and thought there were about 75-76 people during the town hall. Heidi mentioned that the coalition did surveys during the event. They will be tallied and the information from them will be shared with the coalition at the next meeting. Alondra mentioned that someone enjoyed it too and there were a lot of kids and it was a lot of fun. Heidi commented that it was good to pair the events together and in the future the coalition will work to pair the activities YLC Members want to do with what the coalition is working on. Julie said it goes back to the whole child and stressing multiple factors of their lives at one time. Melissa said it was good to have the meal as well because families were able to participate, have dinner and get information all at the same time. They YLC Members did do a free will donation meal and it brought in almost \$300. All of that money will go back into the YLC Activity Fund for next year.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Iowa Partnership for Success Strategic Plan

- Kris shared that the Strategic Plan has not been returned at this time. It was due to be returned yesterday, April 11th, but it is now due to be returned on Friday, April 15th. At that time the coalition will know if it has been approved or not. If it is approved the coalition can begin working on its action plans. If it is not approved then more revisions will need to be made and the coalition staff will be looking for coalition members help with that. So, watch your email for communication on that.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Iowa Partnership for Success Capacity Review

- Kris asked the coalition members to complete a Capacity Checklist by Friday, May 6, 2016. Then at the next coalition meeting in May the coalition can review the completed revised documents and make any other changes to them that members think should be made.
- Kris asked that coalition members begin thinking about what part they can play in the work for the strategies. The strategies include Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places, Alcohol Restrictions at Community Events, Local Social Host Ordinance and the Life Skills Training Program offered to 7th and 8th Grade students at Van Buren Community School District.
- Heidi asked that Kris attach the action plans to the email with the completed minutes and Kris said she would. This would allow members to think about what pieces they are willing to take on as it will be coalition driven.

ACTION STEP: Complete the Capacity Checklist (attached to email) and Return to the Coalition Staff (email to Kris at kris.rankin@van-burencsd.org or mail to Kris at 405 4th Street, Keosauqua, IA 52565)

By Whom: All Coalition Members

By When: Monday, May 2, 2016

Topic: City Council, Board of Supervisors and Merchant Visits

- Kris shared that she has been attending the city council and board of supervisor meetings this month in an effort to update them on the progress of the coalition at this time. She has given them a one page information document that includes information on the Color Run/Town Hall and the strategies the coalition is looking to address with the IPFS Funds.
- Kris said she is meeting with the merchants right now and completing a short survey with them on the age of server for AC4C and making sure they are aware of the upcoming Merchant Trainings and the services the coalition has to offer to them.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: YLC Update

- Melissa shared that the YLC members have been busy this spring. Kick Butts Day was in March and they did a lot of activities. Two VBMS YLC Groups did peer teaching at Douds. She wants to encourage them to do that more often as it was well done and the kids really enjoyed it. They are still planning to do some sidewalk chalk tobacco facts during a track meet with sandwich boards with facts for them to wear. The 8th Graders were the ones who helped plan the color run/town hall they came up with the facts for each color that were then put on signs for the course. They helped pick the food and t-shirts as well. The VBHS YLC Group did a crime scene in the gym during lunch. It had outlines of bodies in tape with facts of causes of death related to tobacco – it was there for middle school and high school lunch. The VB Register covered it and it was in the Fairfield Ledger as well. They are planning a cigarette butt cleanup late in April as well. The Harmony YLC members had one group do peer teaching at the elementary and two other groups will be doing more peer teaching this month. Both the middle school and high school groups wanted to do scavenger hunts so they will be doing those this month. They also want to do a cigarette butt cleanup and take it to the school board and ask for more signs to be put up. They will be looking at it and see if they can do it before school is out. Melissa has been encouraging them to stay involved in YLC when the whole grade sharing starts next year.
- Julie asked if Melissa is setting anything up at the parent night next week. Melissa will have a booth set up for YLC next Tuesday evening for parents at an event that is being held at VBHS for Harmony and Van Buren parents to see what will be available. On Friday morning Melissa and Kris will be helping with an Academic Fair at VBHS for Harmony and Van Buren Students about the extra-curricular activities available to them next year.
- Melissa shared that there is a Youth Summit coming up at the end of April that she will be taking five youth to for sure. She is hoping to have three more go to the Summit. She is working with them to finish their applications right now. There were conflicts that day with band and track that are causing it to be hard to get kids to go to this event. Hopefully some of them will come to the next coalition meeting and share what they have learned.
- Melissa shared that the coalition staff need help judging scholarship applications again this year. She will be passing them out in the next week or so. Gloria and Heidi volunteered to help. Melissa and Kris mentioned that Ginger and Kitty might be willing to help with them.

ACTION STEP: Plan activities and execute them with the help of the YLC Members

By Whom: Melissa & Kris

By When: As needed

Topic: Other Business

- Kris shared that the coalition was awarded \$4000 by the Community Foundation of Van Buren County to be used to address After Prom Promotion, Letters to Seniors Packets, Over the Counter Medication Curriculum in the Elementary Schools for 5th grade students, and the Rx Take Back Events twice a year.
- Kris Shared that she will be applying for the Van Buren Foundation Grant to cover the cost of producing two coalition newsletters per year for this year.

- Kris shared that the coalition may also look at applying for the Hoaglin Foundation Grant to help cover some of the youth work with the YLC group.
- Kris shared that the coalition has Adventureland tickets for sale for April 30th & May 1st and May 7th & 8th. They are for sale for \$22 apiece which is half the price of a normal ticket. If interested people should contact the coalition staff at 319-293-6412.
- Heidi shared that the OTC Curriculum was completed with the Van Buren Community 5th Graders last month. Kitty Bogle, Larry Thomas and Dr. Tim Blair did the presentations with the students and they were well received. They enjoyed going into the classrooms and had no problems. They are looking forward to continuing these classes in the future with the coalition. With the grant the coalition received the hope is to move them into the Harmony Elementary School next year as well. There were pre and post surveys administered that will be tallied and the results will be shared with the coalition when that is completed. These are to show if they gained any knowledge about over the counter medications and prescription medications. It is good information to get out to the kids. This can help to prevent heroin issues in the county. Alondra commented it is good for them to be learning that prescription drugs can be addictive too.
- Kris shared that the coalition staff with the help of Kitty Bogle are also working on the Letters to Seniors packets encouraging them to stay drug and alcohol free right now. Those will be passed out to them at their graduation practice and include letters from the coalition, the sheriff, a 5th grader, their principal and if they have one the letter they wrote to a senior in 5th grade.
- Kris shared that the coalition has also sponsored ads in the paper and on a local radio station encouraging prom attendees to attend the after prom parties as well.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Van Buren County Hospital Community Services Center Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned: At 9:53 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.