



**Van Buren County SAFE Coalition**  
**July Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: VBCH Community Services Center**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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

**Members Present:** Lisa Bachman – Other Organization, Gloria Brown – Other Organization/Grandparent, Melissa Daugherty – Youth Serving Organization/Parent, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Mark Meek – Elected County Official/Grandparent, Lisa Plecker – Local Government/Parent, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator/Parent, Lindee Thomas – Public Health/Parent  
**June Meeting Minutes approved by:** Gloria Brown **Second:** Lindee Thomas

**Topic:** Semi-Annual SAFE Coalition Evaluation Summary Report

- Kris said this is a report the coalition’s evaluator, Epiphany Community Services, supplies to the coalition semi-annually based on data entered in the coalitions REACH Database.
- The information on the front explains the number of Community Actions, Community Changes, Media, Resources Generated, and Services Provided to address Underage Drinking, Youth Marijuana Use, Youth Tobacco Use, General Alcohol/Tobacco/Other Drugs (ATOD), and Prescription Drug Abuse. On the back there is information on what community action was accomplished, areas of success and areas of improvement.

**ACTION STEP:** None

**Topic:** IPFS Capacity Document Review

- The members present reviewed the documents with the following changes needed:
  - Nancy Dewes sent an email to Kris with these changes: remove Sara Sprouse from the Schools, invite Sara Coffin to join the coalition (she is the youth sponsor for the Warriors Ignite group), add Nancy as the contact for the Van Buren County Cooperative Ministries, and add the transportation services available in the county.
  - Gloria suggested adding Kathy Saltzgaver to the Veterans Affairs and that the Community Partnership only needs to be listed once.
  - Discussion that Jefferson County is now handling the County Community Services, and that the coalition should invite Sandy Stever and Leah Craff to join the coalition.
  - Ginger recommended adding the Children First Early Childhood Board with her as the contact and to add RVAP & DVIP with their contacts.
  - Melissa suggested removing Chris and Don from Law Enforcement as they have now retired.

**ACTION STEP:** Complete the IPFS Capacity Documents and Submit to IDPH

**By Whom:** Kris

**By When:** July 31, 2017

**Topic:** Iowa Partnerships for Success Work Time

- Work Time
  - Social Host Ordinance
    - Kris asked Mark where the Board of Supervisors are at with the Social Host Ordinance being implemented at the County Level.
    - Mark shared that he and Bob do not support the idea because it is repetitious. He said they are also not sure if the County Attorney would prosecute it as a civil penalty.
    - Kris shared with him that Virginia had said she would enforce whatever the Board of Supervisors were willing to implement. She also commented that the coalition had worked with Abe early in the process and he had said he would enforce, but that he would like the criminal option as well. The coalition then sent him the sample ordinance and he never came back to the coalition with a revised ordinance. So, the coalition presented what they had.
    - Mark said that he would talk with Bob and Virginia (the current County Attorney), but that he does not think they are interested in pursuing it.
    - Lisa asked Mark if Ted is for or against. Mark said that Ted would support it.
    - Kris shared that if the Board of Supervisors are not interested then the state would like for the coalition to pursue it by having 50% of the population covered by social host ordinances passed at the city level. This could be hard as the county is so rural.
    - Lisa asked for something explaining the differences between the state law and what the coalition is looking to pass. Ginger said she developed a one page document that can be shared with the coalition members.
    - Mark asked if the coalition is doing it just for the funding. Kris shared that the coalition believes in the ordinance. Lisa shared that the coalition has had hundreds of parents sign the SAFE Home pledge saying they will not provide alcohol and that is community support for the ordinance. Gloria said that the Iowa Youth Survey shows the

need for an ordinance to restrict access to alcohol at parties. Kris shared that on the 2016 IYS 18% of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students reported that they accessed alcohol at a party, 83% of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students reported that alcohol is easy to access, and 27% of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students reported alcohol use in the past 30 days.

- Kris said the youth are being held accountable with the Code of Conduct and its consequences for alcohol use, the merchants are held accountable with the compliance checks and Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division's rules, and now the coalition would like to hold community members responsible to not provide a place for youth to drink. This ordinance would provide Law Enforcement with the tool to hold adults responsible for providing a place for alcohol to be consumed by underage drinkers.
- Lisa shared that this is not about prohibition, but about taking responsibility.
- Alcohol Restrictions at Community Events at Privately Owned Facilities
  - Kris shared that the chart in the packet shows where the coalition is with contacting the private facilities except for a few changes: the Bentonsport Stone House has a verbal policy of no alcohol allowed and is not currently interested in implementing a written policy; Kris spoke with Carolyn at the River Valley Horsecamp and Lodge and they are not sure if they want a policy or not – Kris is sending her another packet and will contact her again in August – they do not believe in underage drinking and do not allow it on the property, but she is not sure she wants to do a written policy; the coalition will be working with the Fairgrounds to implement a new written policy; Lisa spoke with Steve of the Roberts Memorial Building and they are interested in working on a written policy with the coalition for their facility so the coalition will be moving forward with them; the Milton American Legion and Keosauqua Senior Center both have written no alcohol allowed policies; the Lacey-Keosauqua State Park is under the State Park rules for alcohol restrictions; and the Stockport American Legion has not made a decision yet on what they are interested in or not interested in – Kris will contact Willis Brugge about it.
  - The coalition members will continue to move forward with working with the facilities that want to implement policies and will work to contact those who have not made a decision yet.
- Alcohol Use Restrictions in Public Places:
  - Kris shared that she and Lisa have been attending the city council meetings this month. Lisa was able to attend the Stockport, Birmingham and Keosauqua meetings and presented them with the information packets and did a short presentation. Kris presented the information packets to the Board of Supervisors, Milton, Cantril and Bonaparte City Councils with an overview of the IPFS Project. Lisa and Kris will be meeting with Farmington next Monday night.
  - The next step for this strategy will be to have coalition members to attend the City Council Meetings in September or October and ask them to implement a written policy for their community. Kris said she will need members to volunteer to attend the meetings and ask the councils to implement a written policy.
- Report Time
  - Life Skills Training Curriculum – Survey Results & Update:
    - Kris shared that all of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, except for two completed the Level I Curriculum this year. The two who did not complete it moved out of district.
    - There was an 11% increase in students responding Definitely Would or Probably Would say no when someone tries to get you to drink beer, wine, or liquor.
    - The teacher had shared the classes went well, there were good discussions, and the students interacted well with the curriculum.
    - Kris did contact Chuck Banks, VBM/HS Principal, and the school is planning to utilize the curriculum again this year during the Explore Rotation. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will do Level I and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will do Level II as the curriculum builds on itself.
    - Kris will order the new workbooks in the next few weeks.
  - IPFS Media Campaign – Survey Results & Update:
    - Kris shared that 208 students reported on the Media Campaign Survey that they had seen the IDPH Media Campaign this year. The goal was to reach 100 students.
    - The campaign is on the Keosauqua billboard, at the hospital/clinics, the middle/high school, Keosauqua Library, and Stockport Library throughout the year. For the summer Lacey- Keosauqua State Park, Keosauqua Swimming Pool, Circle B, Misty's, Keosauqua Public Restrooms, and three Jet Stops have also hung up posters.
    - Gloria commented that it is at the Birmingham Methodist Church.
    - Melissa commented that it is at the Methodist Church in Keosauqua as well.
    - Kris said that IDPH is also working on some new materials for the Media Campaign and they should be out sometime in the fall.
- Kris shared that she has completed the Quarterly Report and submitted it to IDPH.

**ACTION STEP:** Research moving the Social Host Ordinance Forward, Work with private facilities to implement policies, Attend the Farmington City Council Meeting, Ask City Councils to implement policies, Order Life Skills Workbooks

**By Whom:** Mark Meek, Coalition Volunteers, Lisa & Kris, Coalition Volunteers, Kris

**By When:** October 2017, September 29, 2017, July 24, 2017, October 31, 2017, August 11, 2017

**Topic:** Community Grants Report

- Community Foundation Grant of Van Buren County
  - Received \$4000 to purchase ID Scanners for Local Merchants and the Coalition for Community Event Rentals.
  - Kris shared that she realized the coalition can purchase the two scanners for community events with the IPFS Project funds. This would free up money to help four more businesses purchase the scanners if that many are interested.
  - Kitty is currently working on contacting the merchants to see how many are interested in purchasing ID Scanners with the help of this grant.
- Van Buren County Foundation Grant
  - Received \$1500 for the 2017-18 grant year to produce two coalition newsletters.
  - The first newsletter will be mailed in August. It contains a coalition calendar, an IPFS Update, a Warriors Ignite Update, and info on upcoming Merchant Alcohol Trainings.

**ACTION STEP:** Contact Businesses about the ID Scanner Purchase

**By Whom:** Kitty Bogle

**By When:** August 11, 2017

**Topic:** Community Partnership Grant

- Melissa shared this is the Tobacco Grant. The hospital has received the funding for this grant for the 2017-18 fiscal year. She does not have a written contract at this time, but it should be coming soon. She will be meeting with her state representative tomorrow to review what they expect this year. The push right now is for written no tobacco policies at the ball diamonds. Currently they all have verbal policies. That should be finalized this year.
- Melissa will be meeting with the school administration about the youth program. At the end of the school year the administration was questioning whether or not they wanted the Warriors Ignite group to meet during the school day. With the High School group it was not as big of a deal as they were meeting during Guided Studies, but the Middle School groups were meeting during their Intervention time and they may not have that this year. This may mean looking at a different way of working with the youth this school year.
- The Warriors Ignite members are gearing up to help with the Kids Fair. They will be doing face painting, the dunk tank, and some education on tobacco.

**ACTION STEP:** Implement written policies at the ball diamonds, Work with the school to continue the youth coalition

**By Whom:** Melissa Daugherty

**By When:** June 30, 2018, September 2017

**Topic:** Safe & Healthy Kids Fair – July 25, 2017 – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm – Roberts Memorial Building

- Melissa shared that the Safe & Healthy Kids Fair is coming up next Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Roberts Building. The theme is Super Heroes. Vendors are encouraged to come early and setup. The doors will be open to setup at 1:00 pm and will open to the public at 5:00 pm. People generally start lining up between 3-4 pm. Vendors are being asked to park in the grass back by the Fairgrounds this year to allow for more parking on the same side of the road as the Roberts Building.
- If there are coalition members willing to help at the Coalition Booth that day please email or call Kris as soon as possible.

**ACTION STEP:** Help at the coalition booth or other jobs at the fair

**By Whom:** Any Coalition Members

**By When:** July 25, 2017

**Topic:** Other Business

- Kris shared the Thank You Notes from the After Prom Committee and Lauren Cochenour with the members present.
- Kris passed around a flyer for an upcoming training on August 10<sup>th</sup> at ASAC and in the packets there is a list of upcoming webinars and a retreat in St. Louis, MO that the coalition's evaluator is hosting. Kris said that if there are two members who would like to attend the retreat she does not have money for travel, but the registration would be free. Melissa asked if there is information on what they are going to do at the retreat. Kris said it is on their website which is listed on the training opportunities list.
- Kris said that the October meeting date has been changed to October 24, 2017.

**Next Coalition Meeting:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Van Buren County Hospital's Community Services Center Conference Room.

**Meeting Adjourned:** At 9:50 a.m.

\*Meeting minutes are only a summary of the meeting.