



**Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
October Meeting Minutes
Location: VBCH Community Services Center
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
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, Melissa Daugherty – Healthcare/Other Organization/Parent, Kelli Keck – Evaluator, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Lisa Plecker – Local Government, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator/Parent, Dorinda Schwartz – Other Organization

September Meeting Minutes approved by: Ginger Knisley **Second:** Ray Brownsworth

Topic: Iowa Partnerships for Success Work Time

- Social Host Ordinance
 - The coalition members present discussed that the coalition needs to continue to educate the community to help them understand the need for a local social host ordinance. This can be done in the following ways:
 - Attend community event and supply information to community members
 - Develop a three point infographic to share with the public
 - Go out into the community and have “pop-up” conversations about the ordinance to educate and find out what the issues are around the ordinance
 - Develop a “fiver” ad to share with community members
- Alcohol Restrictions at Community Events at Privately Owned Facilities
 - The coalition members reviewed the contacts made and discussed that the coalition needs to continue to work with the facilities interested in a written policy. (The Contacts Made Form was in packets and will be shared with the minutes)
- Alcohol Use Restrictions in Public Places:
 - Kris shared that during the July City Council and Board of Supervisors meetings that Lisa Plecker and Kris shared a presentation on the need for alcohol use restrictions in public places. During the October City Council and Board of Supervisors meetings Kris had talked with the members about the coalition coming back in the next few months to see if they are interested in implementing a policy for their public places.
 - Kris asked for volunteers to go to the City Council meetings to ask the City Council members to implement a policy. No one volunteered.
- Life Skills Training Curriculum – Update:
 - Kris said that the first group of 7th grade students has completed Level I and the second group of them has begun the curriculum. Mrs. Donald reported that it is going well again this year with good conversations.
- IPFS Media Campaign – Update:
 - Kris shared that the campaign continues to be displayed at the Libraries, Van Buren County Hospital/Clinics, Van Buren Community Middle/High School, local convenience stores, and on the billboard.
 - The group discussed expanding the reach through Facebook, Instagram, and other social media with the help of the youth coalition.

ACTION STEP: Move forward with the next steps for each strategy

By Whom: Coalition Members

By When: November 21, 2017

Topic: Community Partnership Grant Update

- Melissa shared that this is the IDPH Tobacco Grant that is utilized with the youth.
- Continuing to work with the city councils for written ordinances that include all tobacco products as well as e-cigarettes for local ball parks.

ACTION STEP: Work with the city councils to implement written ordinances

By Whom: Melissa Daugherty

By When: June, 2018

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.
 - Only two merchants are interested in purchasing the scanners. Others are interested in renting the scanner for events, but do not want to purchase one. Coalition staff will work on purchasing them so the merchants can use them as soon as possible.
- Van Buren County Foundation Grant
 - Received \$1500 for the 2017-18 grant year to produce two coalition newsletters.
 - The first newsletter was mailed in August.
 - The next one will be mailed in February.

ACTION STEP: Purchase new ID Scanners

By Whom: Kris Rankin

By When: January 31, 2018

Topic: Warriors Ignite Update/Youth Leadership Council

- The students have decided to go back to the name Youth Leadership Council.
- The high school students completed their event for the October 20th Football Game with tobacco facts on the sidewalk, tobacco free banner for players to run through, threw out Quit Line Iowa stress balls, and distributed gum with tobacco facts on it to the crowd. They are currently celebrating Red Ribbon Week with haunted boards in the high school (these include facts on wars/serial killers and then totals killed by tobacco, alcohol and other drugs). They had a “Youth Training” yesterday with 12 members attending. It was a good day where they were able to learn about ISTEP and the Strategic Prevention Framework; do some sharing of issues they see in the community; and do some planning to address the issues they are seeing.
- The Middle School Students are just getting started and planning their activities for the year.
- The goal this year is to get the name and face of the group out there regularly and start building the group up again.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Rx Take Back Event, October 28, 2017 at the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office

- Kris shared that there will be an event in Van Buren County utilizing the permanent drop box at the Sheriff's Office. This does not cause there to be extra staff on hand and still allows for the destruction of what is being collected in the county by the DEA. There are posters in packets and Kris can email a digital copy for distribution if people need them.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Other Business

- A group in Fairfield is doing a one day training on Human Trafficking on November 11, 2017 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Kris will email the information to the coalition members.
- DVIP has hired a new advocate to cover Lee and Van Buren Counties. Her name is Heaven Johnson.

Capacity Training by Kelli Keck, Epiphany Community Services, SAFE Coalition Evaluator

During the training Kelli challenged all members to complete the Member Skills Worksheet and Members By Sector Worksheet. When completed copies of these forms can be emailed to Kris or be brought to the November coalition meeting.

Next Coalition Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Van Buren County Hospital's Community Services Center Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned: At 10:00 a.m.

*Meeting minutes are only a summary of the meeting.