



Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
June Meeting Minutes
Location: VBCH Community Services Center
Tuesday, June 21, 2016
9:00 a.m.

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

Members Present: Heidi Bainbridge – IPFS Supervisor, Kitty Bogle – Other Organization, Gloria Brown – Other Organization, Julie Chapuis – Schools, Melissa Daugherty – Youth Serving Organization, Nancy Dewes – Healthcare, Lisa Plecker – Local Government, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator, Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson – Other Organization

April & May Minutes approved by: Lisa Plecker **Second:** Nancy Dewes

Topic: Town Hall Survey Results, Social Host FAQ, State/Local Comparison and Juvenile Court Data for 2015

- Kris shared that the results from the questions that addressed issues regarding the Local Social Host Ordinance Strategy for IPFS are in everyone's meeting packets. The first question "Adults providing alcohol for youth contributes to underage drinking in my community" had a response of 96% saying they agreed that this was true. The second question "What do you feel is the primary source(s) where youth obtain alcohol" had 88% have a friend who is 21 or older buy it for them, 64% have a sibling who is 21 or older buy it for them, and 40% have a parent buy it for them. The third and final question "Adults who provide alcohol to youth on their property should be held accountable" had a response of 100% agreeing that this is true. These are good results to back up the data collected through the IPFS Assessment.
- Kris shared that there is a Social Host FAQ Sheet in everyone's packet for them to review. It answers questions about who a Social host is, what a Social Host Ordinance is, what this ordinance would aim to do in Van Buren County, and why it is important.
- Kris said that there is another sheet, State Law vs. Local Ordinance in everyone's packets. This outlines what the difference is between the State Social Host Ordinance and one passed in Jefferson County, and why it would be useful to fashion one similar to Jefferson County for Van Buren County.
- Kris shared that Tom Walkup, Van Buren County Juvenile Probation Officer, provided the coalition with the data on Juvenile Offenses in 2015. She passed the summary of the data around for people to review. She pointed out that there were 6 possession of alcohol under legal age offenses, 2 possession/distribution of a controlled substance/paraphernalia offenses, 1 assault offense, 3 burglary offenses, 3 theft/fraud offenses and 2 disorderly conduct offenses. The alcohol offenses are up from 1 offense in 2014.
- Heidi shared that during the work time later one of the groups will be addressing the social host ordinance and this information all helps the coalition understand and explain why it is pursuing a local social host ordinance.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: SAFE Coalition Semi-Annual Report and ECS 2011-15 Infographic

- Heidi reviewed the SAFE Coalition's Semi-Annual Report Summary that was in everyone's packets. Areas to improve in are: begin using environmental strategies, have coalition members help with building the capacity of the coalition instead of coalition staff doing this work, begin to focus more on specific problem areas instead of General ATOD, and increasing tracking of the work of coalition members that helps with the work of the coalition.
- Heidi reviewed the SAFE Coalition Infographic for 2011-2015 from Epiphany Community Services. This report covers the last five years of the Drug Free Communities Funding.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Iowa Partnerships for Success Capacity Work

- Kris shared that the coalition completed a capacity review at the last meeting. From that the coalition staff found that the coalition is still needing to develop membership in the areas of the military (active and retired), Optimae Life Services, Parents as Teachers, and local activity providers (i.e.: scouts, 4-H, sports, etc.). Kris will contact Susan Frey about military members and Optimae Life Services. Kris asked if Melissa had contacted the PAT Administration. Melissa said no, but she will. Kris asked for suggestions on who should be contacted in the community for Activity Providers. Gloria suggested Jennifer Plowman at 4-H. Kitty offered to contact her. Heidi asked about Faith Based members. Kris shared that she thought that some of the Cooperative Ministries members would be attending today. Nancy agreed that she had heard the same thing. She will be sending Kris their emails so that they can go on the reminder list for meetings. Heidi commented that this time of year is difficult for coalitions. She has been working with several other coalitions that do not hold meetings during the summer because they cannot get members to attend them. Heidi thanked everyone for attending the coalition meetings.

ACTION STEP: Invite Community Members to the table who are part of the following areas: Military, Activity Providers, Parents as Teachers, and Optimae Life Services

By Whom: All Coalition Members if they choose & specifically: Kris Rankin – Optimae, Melissa Daugherty – PAT, Kitty Bogle – Jennifer Plowman, Susan Frey – Military Personnel

By When: July 19, 2016

Topic: Iowa Partnerships for Success Media & Social Host Work Groups

- The coalition members broke into two work groups. One addressed the Local Social Host Ordinance Strategy and the other addressed the Underage Drinking Media Campaign strategy for the IPFS Project.
- During the Social Host work time the group discussed that the county sheriff and attorney are both on-board to support this ordinance; discussed that Mark Meek, VB County Supervisor, has also agreed it could be good for the county; reviewed and edited the old Social Host FAQ to be used as the coalition works on this strategy; reviewed the collected sample social host ordinances from other Iowa Counties and decided that the ordinance for Van Buren County should be fashioned after the ordinance from Jefferson County; reviewed the community issues around underage drinking parties on private property from the town hall survey; discussed that none of the local governments has a social host ordinance and agreed that it would be best to address this county wide through the County Board of Supervisors instead of through individual cities; and developed a media campaign to be run in the local newspaper, placed on the VBCSD Facebook page, and placed on the Chamber and Villages Facebook pages.
- During the Underage Drinking Media Campaign work time the group reviewed all of the media campaign materials; selected media formats that would reach 13-16 year olds in Van Buren County (Billboard (if available), Posters (in doctors' offices, the hospital, schools, and at local merchants), Social Media Graphics (the coalition members will work to find out from the youth what social media is prevalent with the youth in the county), and Screen Savers (on School Computers and Public Library Computers); and chose the specific graphics to be presented to the whole coalition later for approval for use in the county (Billboard #3C, Posters #8, Social Media Graphics #3, and Screen Savers #2).
- After the work group time ended all of the coalition members at the meeting reviewed the media choices and agreed that this is what the coalition would like to start with at this time.

ACTION STEP: Continue to work on the approved strategies

By Whom: All Coalition Members

By When: September 29, 2016

Topic: Safe & Healthy Kids Fair

- Kris shared that the SAFE & Healthy Kids Fair will be held on July 26, 2016 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Roberts Memorial Building this year. The coalition will have a table at the event and needs volunteers to man the table/booth. She asked for those willing to volunteer to sign up on the sheet she passed around.

ACTION STEP: Work at the Kids Fair

By Whom: Any Coalition Members who want to help with the Kids Fair

By When: July 26, 2016

Topic: Other Business

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 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. For a recording of the full dialogue of the meeting you may contact the coalition office.