



**Van Buren County SAFE Coalition**  
**January Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: VBCH Community Services Center**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Meeting called to order by Melissa Daugherty at 9:05 a.m.

**Members Present:** Gloria Brown – Other Organization, Melissa Daugherty – Healthcare/Other Organization/Parent, Nancy Dewes – Behavioral Health, Heaven Johnson – Other Organization, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Amanda Payne – Healthcare/Other Organization/Parent, Lisa Plecker – Local Government, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator/Parent

**December Meeting Minutes approved by:** Lisa Plecker **Second:** Melissa Daugherty

**Topic:** Iowa Partnership for Success Capacity Checklists

- Kris asked if anyone had their Capacity Checklist ready to turn in and offered that there is a copy of it in the meeting packets to fill out now. Coalition members turned in their completed checklists.

**Action Step:** None

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

- Alcohol Restrictions at Community Events at Privately Owned Facilities
  - The group reviewed the contact list and noted that the Stockport American Legion is not interested in a policy at this time. Kris is working with the Birmingham Lions Club, Roberts Building, and Fairgrounds. Kitty is reaching out to the River Valley Horse Camp and Lodge to see if they will implement a written policy. Kris is reaching out to Susan to see where the Douds Community Center and Club Grounds are on a written policy.
- Alcohol Use Restrictions in Public Places:
  - Lisa and Kris have been attending the City Council meetings in January. Lisa asked the Cantril, Farmington and Keosauqua Councils if they would be interested in implementing policies during their meetings. All three said they would like to discuss more at either another city council meeting or during a separate work session. The coalition will follow up with them to see if they can help in any way. Lisa is planning on asking the Birmingham, Bonaparte, Milton and Stockport Councils if they are interested in implementing a policy in March.
  - Kris asked that coalition members advocate with their city council members to implement some type of alcohol restrictions policy for the public places in their community.
- Life Skills Training Curriculum – Update:
  - The last group of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students completed the Level I Life Skills Curriculum yesterday and the first group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin the Level II Life Skills Curriculum on Wednesday. The teacher continues to report good conversations and responses to the curriculum. This year so far she has been able to complete all of the units with each of the classes and all of the students have completed the full curriculum.
  - There is a new module to address prescription drugs in the Life Skills program. The DECAT Board approved a \$200 grant for the coalition to purchase that to be added to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students curriculum this year. It will be purchased in the next week or two and will be implemented with the students this semester.
- IPFS Media Campaign – Update:
  - It continues to be present in the Van Buren County High School, the Van Buren County Hospital and Clinics, and in the local libraries.
  - The coalition staff continues to share on the coalition Facebook pages, coalition blog and coalition website.
  - The youth coordinators are working with the youth to disseminate the media campaign on other social media such as Snapchat and Instagram.
- Social Host Ordinance
  - The coalition will be scheduling three trainings between now and September 29, 2018 to train coalition and community members on how to advocate for new policies with local government officials and on what the Local Social Host Ordinance is and is not. Kitty Bogle has agreed to be the trainer for the trainings. They will be one hour trainings. There was a discussion on when to offer the trainings. Everyone agreed that the coalition should hold them at breakfast, lunch and supper with light snacks/small plates provided and using some of the coalition's other funds. It was suggested to use the Great Day Café meeting room for the trainings. It was also discussed that there can be some coalition recruitment during the trainings.
  - Kris is planning to work with the IPFS Capacity Coach and one of the other IPFS Coordinators on the Fiver Ad.

- Kris reminded everyone to be talking with other community members about the Social Host Ordinance to share what it is and why it is still important in the community. Ginger suggested coalition members starting with conversations with community members just to find out what their opinions are about it. Heaven agreed and said it would be good to know if people are against why and how we can help them to change their minds about it. Melissa suggested this would be a good thing for coalition members that are not able to be at the table to do with their contacts. This could include Rotary, Lions, and other community groups having a discussion around a Fiver Ad or just a flier about the ordinance.
- Building Capacity/Membership – What is Your Why?
  - Kris asked that everyone at the meeting take the time to complete the “What is your Why?” worksheet to help the coalition members identify why they are involved in the coalition and to help them find reasons others would want to be involved in the coalition.
  - Kris asked if anyone would like to share their answer to the final why are you a part of the SAFE Coalition question. The answers were as follows: To make the best life and future for my family, To maybe have an impact on someone’s life, Better outcomes for children, To make a small difference in a big world, and Community Betterment.
  - There was a discussion on why other community members would like to be present for the coalition meetings and a part of the coalition. It also included a discussion on how it is no longer taboo for kids to talk about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and there are so few limits for individuals in society today. Even though kids feel free to talk about it and they do that gives the adults an opportunity to talk to them about the dangers and the bad decisions they are making. Everyday things become more accessible for kids. Innocence is lost.
- Trainings this year:
  - Kris offered that there are funds to take coalition members to the upcoming Governor’s Conference on Substance Abuse and the Quarterly AC4C Retreats. She will be emailing out information on what to expect from these trainings/events.
  - Kris shared that the coalition’s evaluator, Epiphany Community Services, offers free webinars and any coalition member is welcome to attend these webinars. There is a list of them in the meeting packets. If you need help registering for one of these please contact Kris. The REACH Trainings are about the evaluation system the coalition uses to track their data and information on work that is being done by the coalition members and staff. The other trainings are on topics relevant to coalition work and are beneficial for all coalition members. The webinars are one hour long.

**ACTION STEP:** Move forward with the next steps for each strategy, build coalition capacity, have coalition members attend trainings

**By Whom:** Coalition Members

**By When:** February 20, 2018

**Topic:** Community Partnership Grant Update

- Melissa shared that not a lot has been done in the last month. Amanda Payne has been hired to be in charge of the tobacco grant as Melissa is moving on to the PAT Director position.

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

**By Whom:** Melissa Daugherty and Amanda Payne

**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.
  - The ID Scanners were delivered to the Riverview Country Club and Farmington American Legion and the coalition has four new scanners to loan out for community events. Both of these merchants did not have scanners before the purchase of these scanners.
  - There are five other merchants that have the old scanners too. Tillie’s, T&C, Bonaparte Bar, Pam’s Place and First Street Grille.
  - Circle B, Dollar General, Boyd Grocery, Birmingham Jet Stop, Bonaparte Jet Stop, and Milton Jet Stop all have the ID Scanners built into their cash registers too.
- Van Buren County Foundation Grant
  - Received \$1500 for the 2017-18 grant year to produce two coalition newsletters.
  - The next newsletter will be mailed the first week of February. The coalition staff have begun working on it.

**ACTION STEP:** Finish working on newsletter and mail it for February (Not completed during IPFS Grant time.)

**By Whom:** Kris Rankin

**By When:** February 2, 2018

**Topic:** Youth Leadership Council Update

- Melissa explained that there are some struggles with the High School as far as keeping them focused and motivated, but the coalition staff will continue to work with them and help them with the projects they do want to do. Three of the members did tobacco prevention work at the Red Out Basketball game on Friday, January 12, 2018. They had tobacco fact stickers on the popcorn bags, passed out gum with tobacco facts on it, and passed out Quitline Iowa stress balls to the crowd.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade group did hand washing education in December in the Elementary and Middle Schools. They are going to do some activities with their peers on this in February.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade group did some tobacco prevention work with their peers in December. It included a scavenger hunt with tobacco facts, posters around the middle school with tobacco facts, and sidewalk chalk tobacco facts for a basketball game.
- All three groups will be doing National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week activities next week. These will include a Bingo Game with Facts, an IQ Challenge Quiz, and a Social Media Campaign on why they want to shatter the myths of drug and alcohol abuse.
- In February some of the High School students are going to attend the Day on the Hill event put on by the AC4C Coalition. It will be addressing alcohol and marijuana prevention with the state legislators.
- In March the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School groups will be doing activities for Kick Butts Day.
- In April the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School groups will be doing activities for Alcohol Awareness month.
- The ISTEP Summit is on April 17, 2018 - the youth coordinators are planning on taking at least some of the high school students to this event.

**ACTION STEP:** None

**Topic:** Review of the Strategic Prevention Framework

- Kris shared that the coalition structure is in the meeting packet and reviewed it. Members present pointed out removing the Van Buren County Community Services as it is no longer in county. Check on DHS. Add DVIP, RVAP and R&R Counseling. She also shared the four sources of funding for the coalition: Community Partnership Grant (\$10,000 – Tobacco & Youth – Hospital), Iowa Partnership for Success Grant (\$87,000 – Alcohol & Youth – VBCSD), Community Foundation Grant of Van Buren County (\$4,000 – ID Scanners – VBCSD), and Van Buren County Foundation Grant (\$1,500 – Newsletters – VBCSD).

**ACTION STEP:** None

**Topic:** Other Business

- Gloria shared that there are upcoming trainings on Human Trafficking – please keep an eye out for these and attend them if you can.
- Kris & Ginger shared that the Children’s Mental Health and Wellness Collaborative is meeting monthly on the second Tuesday of each month between now and June. They are also providing Connection Matter Trainings and Resilience Movie Screenings in Jefferson, Van Buren and Wapello counties. Kris will include the schedule with the minutes.
- Ginger shared that ECI has access to the Resilience Movie and can help facilitate other screenings if anyone is interested in that. Kris asked about Paper Tigers and it was shared that it is also accessible, but it is more focused on the school environment so it would be better for schools than the general public. Ginger also recommended that Resilience be the first movie to be seen and then Paper Tigers.
- Kris shared that Kitty Bogle, Sara Coffin, Dr. Blair and Mr. Pickens will be teaching the Over the Counter Drug Curriculum to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students at the Van Buren Community Elementary School next week.
- Kris shared that Tobacco Compliance Checks were completed on January 6, 2018 and one business out of eleven was non-compliant.
- The March coalition meeting will either be in the conference room in the basement of the hospital or in the break room in the Community Services Center due to another large meeting being held in the conference room.
- The coalition meeting dates for April and July have been changed to April 24 and July 24 for this year due to conflicts.

**Next Coalition Meeting:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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.