



Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
August Meeting Minutes
Location: VBCH Community Services Center
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Ginger Knisley at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Kitty Bogle – Other Organization, Gloria Brown – Other Organization/Grandparent, Ginger Knisley – Other Organization, Kris Rankin – IPFS Coordinator/Parent, Sarah Roe – Other Organization

July Meeting Minutes approved by: Ginger Knisley **Second:** Gloria Brown

Topic: Iowa Partnership for Success – 2017-18 Action Plan

- Kris shared that the proposed 2017-18 Action Plan is in the packets. She asked the members present to review it for input.
- There was a discussion on how to reach the youth in the county with the media campaign in new ways. Gloria suggested radio ads on KRKN. Sarah suggested Pandora or Spotify ads. Kris said the youth have posted on Facebook and other social media for the coalition. Ginger asked if an info table at the Scenic Drive would count as media. Kris is not sure about that. Ginger suggested anything like the bank electronic billboards and the social media through the youth will be the best avenues to reach the 13-16 year olds in the county. Sarah suggested Instagram Stories – check with the kids on how to do that. An Instagram or Facebook Live event where the kids answer questions would be another possibility. Another suggestion was the community calendar on KTVO that is free. Kris reminded everyone that the target audience for this campaign is 13-16 year olds. Kris pointed out that IDPH has placed the new Media Campaign on the billboard for the coalition.
- Kitty questioned if going from 3 to 6 is realistic. Kris said there are three groups ready to work with the coalition and another one will probably be open to a policy. Kris shared that she did talk with Megan Snyder and provided her with information on the help the coalition can give the group planning the Stockport Days beer garden and no one has contacted the coalition office for help since. Kitty said for special events she can condense the Merchant Training down to one hour with no certification to give them the info they need for safe service. There was a discussion about the need for dram shop insurance and the liability of the city and servers at community events.
- There was a discussion of realistic expectations for the implementation of alcohol restrictions in public places and the social host ordinance. Both are going to need community involvement and grassroots education. Ginger pointed out that the Social Host Ordinance is actually less confrontational, governmental, and interfering. It is a civil instead of a criminal offense. Information sheets for Social Host should be short and to the point – three short one or two sentence bullet points. Kris shared they are working on growing the youth coalition by attending class meetings and doing more promotion through the electronic billboards.
- There was a discussion on that Life Skills is good the way it is written.

ACTION STEP: Complete & Submit 2017-18 RFA

By Whom: Kris

By When: August 30, 2017

Topic: Iowa Partnerships for Success Work Time

- Social Host Ordinance
 - Continue to work on educating the public, building a grass roots movement to contact the supervisors, and continue to work to move it forward. It is a true fight against the ingrained habits and culture of the community.
- Alcohol Restrictions at Community Events at Privately Owned Facilities
 - Kris shared she has not reached Harry yet. Douds Community Center & Club Grounds, Susan Frey was going to attend their meeting and see if they are interested in implementing a policy, but with her hours she can no longer attend the coalition meetings. Kris will check back with her on her progress with them. The River Valley Horsecamp, Kris spoke with them, sent them a new packet, and will be checking back with them. They feel they may not need a policy and Kris will try to work with them to show them why one would be beneficial for them. The Stockport American Legion, Kris is going to check in with Willis and see where they are at on it. The Fairgrounds and the Roberts Memorial Building will be working with the coalition to implement policies. Gloria asked about the beer tent at the concert during the fair. Kris said she did not go and has not heard anything about how it went. There was a discussion of alcohol in the pits during the tractor pull and the need for enforcement during that event.

- Alcohol Use Restrictions in Public Places:
 - The coalition staff and Lisa Plecker provided each of the city councils with the information packets and a short presentation on the need for alcohol use restrictions in public places during the August City Council meetings. The next step will be to return to those meetings with coalition member(s) and youth coalition member(s) to ask the council members to implement a policy for their public places. The plan is to do this during the first quarter of the next grant year.
- Life Skills Training Curriculum – Update:
 - The coalition is moving forward with this program in the Van Buren Community Middle School. Mrs. Donald will be teaching it again this year and the 7th grade students will do Level I while the 8th grade students will do Level II. Kris has ordered the workbooks needed and the supplies to support the program.
- IPFS Media Campaign – Update:
 - Other than Misty’s everyone contacted to have the posters up during the summer has had them up for the summer. The school, hospital/clinics, libraries and churches also continue to display the campaign. With the new improvements to the campaign the coalition may want to consider implementing some of the new ads in the community.

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

By Whom: Coalition Members

By When: September 19, 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.
 - Kitty is 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 this week. There is one in the meeting packets for members review.

ACTION STEP: Contact Businesses about the ID Scanner Purchase & Mail Newsletter

By Whom: Kitty Bogle, Kris Rankin

By When: September 19, 2017, August 18, 2017

Topic: Safe & Healthy Kids Fair Update

- Kris shared that 176 adults and 284 kids attended the fair.
- There was discussion that it went better than last year. There was a bee line for the back packs. This year there was a better flow and more people spoke with the vendors. There was a suggestion to allow them to come in a door where the back packs are right there and then send them through the vendors for stamp/initial of the form to win prizes. It was more interactive this year. It was good that they put ½ of the backpacks out to start and then put more out as the night went on. The school supply voucher is much better for the vendors. It was mentioned that some parents were unhappy with it because not everything was purchased and they do not get it until a couple days before school starts. At the Elementary School Open House it seemed that the kids were taking their supplies straight to their class rooms and were leaving them there. For the home school students there needs to be a place for a phone number on the voucher to contact them when the supplies are ready. Maybe have the backpacks in a couple of different places – on the stage and in the board room – broken up by grade level. Still ran out of food even with the ticket system. The walking tacos work well and it is easy. Bags need to be cut on the side not on the top. It was harder to eat and messier with them opened on top.

ACTION STEP: None

Topic: Other Business

- Community Services Council: the members present discussed whether or not the Community Services Council is effective at this time. Ginger shared that Lee County’s group meets monthly with information sharing and a learning time. Kris and Ginger mentioned it could be absorbed by the SAFE Coalition or the Child Abuse Prevention Council. With the coalition meeting monthly it could be tagged onto the end of the coalition meeting each month. It will be discussed more at the Community Services Council meeting today.
- Kris shared that the movie Resilience will be showing on September 18th at the Bridgeview Center in Ottumwa. This is a good movie for community members to see. It might be good to try and do an outdoor showing at the fairgrounds. The coalition has a screen and a projector that could be used for it. See if other community groups would provide snacks.

- Other upcoming trainings are listed on the coalition website and blog with links for registration. The coalition's evaluator has great webinars that can be viewed at any time if you are interested in learning more about prevention. They are free and usually just an hour. Any coalition member is welcome to view these. The contact info is on the coalition's blog and website.
- Kris shared that she met with Dr. Ewell and they are looking to move Kris's office space. They also discussed that Dr. Ewell and Pam Morrissey, the VBCSD Business Manager may be Kris's new supervisor.
- Kris reminded everyone that the October meeting date has been changed to October 24, 2017.

Next Coalition Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 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.