



MCRUD Steering Committee Agenda
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Miller College
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Battle Creek, 49017
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I. Call to order & introductions

Mike Tobias – Prevention Network
Ken Dail – Prevention Network
Danyelle Maitland – Substance Abuse Council
Shannon Cohen – Kent County Prevention Coalition
Michele Stitt – Kent County Prevention Coalition
Denise Herbert – Kent County Prevention Coalition
Sherry Davis – Allegan County Health Department

*Jeremy Waechtner – Taylor Substance Abuse Task Force
*Simone Calvas – Taylor Substance Abuse Task Force
*Tonya Cunningham – Clarkston Coalition for Youth
*Wendy Bowlin – Huron County Health Department
*Ashley Bergeon – St. Joseph Substance Abuse Task Force
*Lisa Coleman - Genesee County Community Mental Health

*Indicates that they participated via conference call.

II. Approval of agenda – moved by consensus

III. Approval of November minutes - tabled until January 22, 2013

IV. **Special Presentation by: Shannon Cohen, Denise Herbert, and Michele Stitt, Kent County Prevention Coalition**

Topic: Engaging Youth and the Community in Prevention

To view their powerpoint presentation you can go to MCRUD's website under the "Meetings" tab.

V. Brief Round table Reports

Danyelle – lock in for above the influence activities skits, dodge ball, board games, a fun night to promote their slogan of "above the influence; Having a Party with a purpose; adopted a family from the Salvation Army.

St. Joseph Substance Abuse Task Force – working on a parent-teen pledge using mcrud as a template; continuing with billboards

Wendy Bowlin – working ROSC program – getting police together with homeless shelter, along with inmates coming out of jail. Brand new program, bringing a whole lot of people together to help people in recovery

Simone – This Thursday they are having a parent expo that will be held in Ecorse High School to educate parents on substance abuse prevention.

Jeremy – The Michigan Prevention Association is starting to plan their annual advocacy day. It's usually in May and MPA is considering alcohol de-regulation as the topic.

Tanya Cunningham – Clarkston Coalition – starting in their 2nd year doing a spring break program. A kit for parents when they are sending their kids on spring break. A lot of families

are staying home for spring break. The coalition is planning activities along with other nonprofits and businesses for all students during spring break.

Shannon Cohen – Planning for Youth Summit May 3, first Friday in May. It will be at Grand Valley State University. The Summit is open to youth and chaperones outside of Kent County too. Last year more than 600 youth attended the Summit and they are hoping to have even more kids attend this year.

VI. Committee Reports & Recommendations

a. Development – nothing to report.

b. MCRUD Policy Committee – Next meeting January 22 before the Steering Committee meeting.

c. Executive Committee (EC)

January 22 (tentatively planned: Victor Braatz/SMART Teen/PN Office); February 26 (location TBD); March 26 (location TBD)

VI. Local/State/National Issues

- ORR Report Regarding Liquor Control and Counter Report – MCRUD coordinator was told that the chair of Senate Reg Reform would like to look at the ORR recommendations all together at the same time starting with the new legislature. At the MLCC semi annual public comment hearing, Chairman Deloney indicated that the commissioners would be looking at the ORR recommendations in the new year.
- Pending legislation – nothing was reported.
- \$182.5 Billion Alcohol Tax Proposed to President Obama go to www.alcoholjustice.org. Alcohol Justice proposed this tax increase in relation to the fiscal cliff problem. For more information you can go to their website.

VII. New Business – nothing to report.

VIII. Old Business

- Michigan Liquor Control Commission Semi-Annual Public Comment Hearing – Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 11am, Lansing Office. Several statewide and local coalitions talked to the commissioners about some of the problems they saw with some of the ORR recommendations.

IX. Resources/Upcoming Conferences

- CADCA Leadership Forum – February 4-7, 2013 – National Harbor, MD.
- 11th Annual Depression on College Campuses Conference – Feb. 26-27, Ann Arbor.
- Alcohol Policy 16 conference – April 4-5, 2013 – Washington D.C.
- Kent County Prevention Coalition Youth Summit – May 3, 2012
- 14th Annual SUD Conference - Sept. 16-17, Traverse City.
- **TRAINING**
“Party Prevention & Controlled Party Dispersal” – Online distance learning courses
The courses focus on the reduction of underage access to alcohol.
This 6-hour training discusses the role of enforcement and community agencies in preventing underage drinking parties and safely dispersing them when they do occur.
To access the course, please visit <http://www.udetc.org/distancelearning.htm>.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Tobias.