

**Ogemaw County Drug Free Communities Taskforce
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2010**

Members Present: Dave Walby, Dave Marston, David Hall, Gail Hughey, Patsy Marchel, Patty Barrett, Michelle Kalafut

New Business

Town Hall Meeting

Michelle gave an in-depth presentation about the purpose of the Town Hall meetings. She also brought a DVD from a previous Town Hall meeting that was conducted in Iosco County a few years ago. Michelle stated that she thought it was important to get the youth involved as much as possible and Dave Marston really liked the idea of the youth performing a skit or dramatization prior to the start of the Town Hall meeting. He asked if there was a possibility that I could get a script from the PRIDE group that the OHHS students could use for a performance. Michelle will check with the PRIDE Advisor in Tawas if we can use their scripts.

Because our coalition is funded through the Drug Free Communities Support program, SAMHSA offers grantees \$500.00 each time an event is held. The purpose is to promote awareness of underage drinking and other substance use/abuse issues that are happening in a particular community. The coalition has identified prescription drug use/abuse as the focus of the Town Hall Meeting.

The coalition members agreed we would like to host a Town Hall meeting on March 30th. The location will likely be Ogemaw Heights High School. Dave Walby will check availability. The meeting will consist of a keynote speaker who was a guest at OHHS in previous years. He is from the Michigan State Police in Lansing. Following the keynote speaker will be a panel discussion. Ideas for panel members and the individuals on the coalition who have agreed to contact them are as follows:

ER Physician from WBRMC – Michelle Kalafut

School Board Member – Mr. Marston

Law Enforcement - David Hall

Parent – Gail Hughey

Youth – Dave Walby and Gail Hughey

Insurance Agency – Dave Walby

Funeral Home – Dave Walby & Tracey Wood from DHD#2 is willing to contact as well, if needed.

Pharmacist – Michelle Kalafut/Tracey Wood

There will be open exhibits and refreshments from 6-6:45, and the keynote speaker will start at 7:00 p.m. Is it yet to be determined who the exhibitors will be.

David Hall agreed to look into collecting statistics for us related to MIPs, DUIs, and any other information that we can put into the brochure to distribute the night of the Town Hall Meeting.

It is also the coalition's intent to promote the Operation STOP program at the Town Hall Meeting.

Membership and Collaboration

The recruitment letter was approved with the addition of adding the room number for the ITV room. Michelle will begin sending letters the end of this week and the beginning of next week. Please continue to forward contact information to Michelle if you think of others that we should invite to the committee.

Old Business

MiPHY

Mr. Marston and Mr. Walby will be moving forward with registering and getting dates set for implementation of MiPHY. Mr. Marston commented that the information that is provided by MiPHY will be very beneficial for the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.

Movie Nights

The first movie night of the New Year will be this Saturday, January 23. Michelle will work to get Dave PSA's before then.

Educational Updates

Patsy reminded everyone that the "Love your Child" program is February 11th from 6-8 pm at Surline Middle School. Please plan on attending if you can.

Next meeting is February 15, 2010 from 4-5 p.m. at Ogemaw Heights High School in the ITV Room (Room 101 next to the Library).