

## Coordinator's Update

### April 2009

April is Alcohol Awareness month, and in conjunction with ISAP the Tri County Alcohol Awareness committee has made a big impact locally. A regional talent show, "Tri County's Got Talent" was held April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hannah Center. Youth from Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties participated, and the event was a sellout. Winners of the talent competition received not only monetary prizes, but the opportunity to show their talents, including posters, public service announcements, essays, and singing at an upcoming Lansing Lugnut game. The theme of Alcohol Awareness month was "What I Do Instead" and the Lugnuts game will feature winning essays playing over the loudspeaker pre-game, talent winners singing the national anthem, youth-driven public service announcements, and poster contest winners displayed on the scoreboard – and a domino-strategy based information booth manned by ISAP. The game will be scheduled for later this spring, and I will let you know when as soon as possible. You will be able to order tickets to attend the Lugnuts game at <http://www.lansinglugnuts.com/> by clicking on the ISAP banner.

It would be hard to talk about youth in our community without mentioning the Michigan State Spartan NCAA run into the championship game – and the overall calm demeanor of the students on and off campus in East Lansing. A small and legal gathering of students occurred in the Cedar Village area after the Spartans beat UConn on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – but few arrests were recorded and most students behaved responsibly. Hats off to the East Lansing community for a successful, harm-free celebration of a great basketball season.



*Harriett Dean*



### Legislative updates: What to Watch



There are currently two smoke-free bills in the Senate and four in the House. They center on prohibiting smoking and places of employment, food service establishments, and bars. They differ based on exceptions for cigar bars, home offices, and tobacco special retailers, and the biggest difference, casinos and gambling halls. For more information on the main two bills: <http://tinyurl.com/house4341>  
<http://tinyurl.com/house4377>

**Keg Tracking bill:** HB 4565 Requires Keg beer to be tagged with retailer identification, and purchaser must show valid identification logged by the retailer. For more information see <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2009-HB-4565>

**Medical Marijuana:** The Michigan Medical Marijuana Law went into effect April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Michigan Department of Community Health did not report an influx of applications for approval for medical marijuana as some feared. However, ISAP will continue to monitor marijuana use and related data to reduce any negative impact his law may have on our community. You can learn more about the law at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>

### April ISAP meeting held in conjunction with Ingham School Counselors meeting

As ISAP continues to review the protocol for referral and treatment for substance abuse in Ingham County for both youth adults, a joint meeting with the school counselors throughout the county was a logical step. Child and Family Services and Insight Recovery, Inc. gave an overview of their services to a group of more than 25 Ingham County school counselors, along with the regular ISAP coalition members. Our goal is to assist in making the referral process clear and streamlined as possible, and identify gaps in services countywide.

**The Next ISAP meeting is  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m.  
at the South Precinct**

