



**ISAP Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010
LPD South Precinct
8:30 am to 10:30 am**

Members Present:

Pat Bednarz, Lansing School District
Mike Botke, Lansing Teen Court
Harriett Dean, EISD/PPS
Micki Fuhrman, EISD/PPS
Marie Hansen, Community Member
Sarah Kenney, Ingham County Health Department
Sara Lurie, EISD/PPS
Rod Macdonald, Citizen at Large/Past Chair
Amy Moore/ Ingham County Health Department
Scot Sexton, East Lansing Police Department
Angela Stepter, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Carolyn Stone, Lansing School District
Mike Tobias, Cristo Rey Community Center
Andrea Yokich, Ingham Intermediate School District

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Next Meeting: April 13th, 2010 8:30 a.m. (Changed from 4/6/2010 due to Spring Break)

I. Call to Order: 8:40 am

Pat Bednarz called the meeting to order at 8:40 and facilitated introductions.

II. Coalition Approval of February Minutes:

A motion was made to approve coalition minutes from our February meeting. Marie Hansen and seconded by Andrea Yokich. **Motion Carried.**

III. Parent Training Update and Special Recognition

Micki Fuhrman and Pat Bednarz updated the group on the Lansing initiative to train parents to go out into the community and train other parents. Lansing School District Link Project and ISAP collaborated to conduct a train-the-trainer workshop. The training included an overview of the issues related to underage drinking, how to talk about these issues with youth, and how to teach refusal skills to children. The 37 parent trainers have fanned out into the community to provide presentations at churches, schools, Homeless Shelters, and other community venues. Parent trainers have trained 157 parents so far, plus the 37 parent trainers. The Lansing Link Grant provides a stipend to parents for scheduling and conducting the trainings. Based on requests, Micki reported they have modified the presentation so that trainers can include youth as well as adding some culturally specific information/materials to trainings. Micki Fuhrman



introduced Angela Stepter a parent who has taken the ball and run with it. Angela thanked the group for the recognition and shared the path that led her and her husband to their participation in their project. She also engaged nine other parents in the original training. Five of them formed a smaller committee that has coordinated their efforts, called, and made speaking arrangements. On April 26 6:30, they will be hosting a town hall meeting at their church Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. They are doing their research and adding things to the original presentation to keep it current. Marie Hansen asked Angela to elaborate on what kinds of responses they have gotten from parents regarding the parenting advice they are getting. Angela said that the area of most concern to her is the hesitancy of parents to take charge of their families, to talk with their children and to set clear limits. She encourages parents to start talking with their children about the small stuff day to day and to work up to the serious conversations. Mike Botke asked how long their presentation lasts. Ideally, the presentation takes one hour, but they have made modification for half hour time slots. He also asked for a list of upcoming presentations. Andrea Yokich asked if these presentations were only for Lansing. Pat Bednarz indicated yes, but they can justify a presentation if it were bordering Lansing. Amy asked about the possibility of forming a parent support group for parents following attendance at the workshop. Micki brought up the issue of parent education and the fact that many parents feel stigma about attending parenting classes, and that this back door approach that helps to engage parents and make the leap to parent education offerings. Pat asked Angela what has worked in their team that has made it so successful. She indicated that each individual has learned the entire program, but divide the presentation into different sections that they then take turns presenting. Multiple presenters seem to make it more interesting and allow them each to do additional research on their sections. Harriett will be sending out a schedule of upcoming parent presentations to the coalition, anyone is welcome to attend.

IV. Legislative Updates

Mike Tobias, ISAP Community Organizer, reminded us of efforts to encourage MLCC to ban alcohol energy drinks in Michigan. On Thursday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m., the MLCC will be holding their quarterly meeting and will discuss the alcohol energy drink issue. Mike encouraged us all to send letters to MLCC Chairperson, Nina Simona urging them to take action in banning the sale of alcohol energy drinks. He urged us to attend the meeting to show support. Harriett will resend information on this to the coalition for individual action. The MLCC quarterly meeting is at the State of Michigan General Office Building in Dimondale. ISAP has also suggested the reclassification of alcopops (not the banning of alcopops). Reclassification will increase the price and will reduce the number of outlets that can sell them. For example, 7-11's sell only beer and wine and if alcopops were reclassified, they would not be able to sell them.

Mike shared a good example of a coalition in Montcalm engaging their representatives. They contacted Representative Dave Camp regarding his sponsorship of a bill that would roll back the federal beer taxes to ask his rationale for supporting this measure. His staff person came to a coalition meeting and presented Rep. Camp's reasons for supporting the bill (mainly economic concerns). The staff member also noted that this was the first time anyone had questioned this action. The coalition educated him on the relationship between beer taxes and the consumption



of alcohol by youth. Marie Hansen made a motion that we take a similar action with Mike Rodgers who has also sponsored this bill by sending him a letter and inviting dialogue. Rod Macdonald seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

V. Update on extra patrols in East Lansing

Scot Sexton, East Lansing Police Officer, reported on the home game day extra enforcement efforts. During MSU football season this fall, sixteen hours of extra enforcement was funded with ISAP SPF SIG funds. Extra patrols were present at several high alcohol related accident intersections in East Lansing. This resulted in two eight-hour shifts of two officers dedicated to only DUI enforcement; they do not take any other calls. They pulled off 30-35 stops during their shifts and arrested six additional OWI's over the seven home games. Scot shared that the average BAC for all E.L. DUI arrests is currently .15, but during special events such as home games, the BAC's are higher often over a .2 Scot feels that DUI is making a comeback in East Lansing. They have arrested 54 more people in E.L. this year to date than the previous year.

Regarding upcoming St. Patrick's Day, one of the biggest drinking days of the year, Chief Wilbert requires that all officers will be in uniform and working enforcement around the bars in East Lansing on St. Patrick's Day. Officer Sexton shared that on St. Patrick's day many people try to get to the bars by 6:30 a.m. and stay until 2 a.m. However, usually they find that, 7a.m.-noon is a busy time in the local bars, and then there is a lull until about 5 p.m. then 5-9 p.m. is peak time, with it remaining busy until the bars close at 2 a.m.

VI. Updates

- Amy Moore shared that many new products are available that have nicotine in them that are manufactured by tobacco companies. Snus, used orally, and nicotine lotions do not have the smoke, but are highly addictive products that are available to youth. Amy has looked at the possibility of adding nicotine containing products to licensing regulation in Ingham County.
- Amy also shared that on Wednesday March 24 at 6 p.m. the Lansing Housing Commission is holding a meeting on their proposal to make the rental properties they own smoke-free. The meeting will be at the Lansing Housing Commission main office at Oliver Towers on Townsend St. in Lansing.

VII. Adjourn:

10:45 am