



**ISAP Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2010
LPD South Precinct
8:30 am to 10:30 am**

Members Present:

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| Pat Bednarz, Lansing School District | patricia.bednarz@lansingschools.net |
| Mike Botke, Lansing Teen Court | teencourt@cooley.edu |
| Harriett Dean, EISD/PPS | hdean@eatonisd.org |
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| Marie Hansen, Community Member | hansenm3@msu.edu |
| Sarah Kenney, Ingham County Health Department | skenney@ingham.org |
| Dawn Kepler, Prevention Network | dawnk@preventionnetwork.org |
| Lt. Larry Klaus, Lansing Police Department | klaus@ci.lansing.mi.us |
| Sara Lurie, EISD/PPS | slurie@eatonisd.org |
| Amy Moore, Ingham County Health Department | amoore@ingham.org |
| Carol Patterson, Cristo Rey Community Center | cpatterson@cristoreycounseling.org |
| Mike Tobias, Cristo Rey Community Center | mtobias@cristo-rey.org |
| Karen Waters, Cristo Rey Community Center | karencrcc@yahoo.com |

Next Meeting: July 20, 2010 @ 8:30 am @ LPD South Precinct (note: Changed from July 13, 2010)

I. Call to Order: 8:40 am

Chairperson Pat Bednarz called the meeting to order at 8:40 am and had each person introduce him or herself.

II. Acceptance of May, 2010 Coalition Meeting Minutes:

Pat called for a motion to accept the May meeting minutes as published. Mike Botke made the motion and Cecelia Garcia supported it. The motion was unanimously accepted.

III. The Impact of the Medical Marijuana Law:

Lt. Larry Klaus presented. Larry stated that Michigan voters had overwhelmingly voted in acceptance of the medical marijuana law. He stated that he had never seen so much marijuana in Lansing as there has been since the law was instated and that prices have increased two-fold. Marijuana can now cost up to \$5000.00/lb. in the Lansing area. Larry also stated that marijuana is coming here from many more places. Larry stated that there has been an increase in violent crime since the law was instated, with six homicides and 18 to 19 violent assaults occurring in the past eight weeks. He stated that the same thing occurred in California when their medical marijuana law was instated. Violent crimes increased by ten-fold and it took their Attorney



General twelve years to enact legislation to actually enforce the law. In Lansing, marijuana is now being branded by local dealers. Whole new venues of people who have no experience are now trafficking and they have no “protection”, or no “crew”. Larry described the process for becoming qualified as either a medical marijuana patient, or as a caregiver growing the plants and administering the dosage. He stated that the application to become a patient is the prescription itself. The applicant only needs a “user’s form”, or registry card, from their physician. The registry card covers many kinds of ailments. Certified caregivers can grow up to 12 marijuana plants on their property and these can be of any size. They need only be rooted. Caregivers can grow plants for up to five patients as well as themselves. Larry stated that, as federal authorities will not prosecute violations of the law, it is very difficult for local police departments to enforce. Added to this difficulty is the fact that media attention about the healing effects of marijuana has made the law seem positive within the school system. Other problems include: the fact that growers are charging up to \$600.00 an ounce for their product and insurance is not yet covering the cost, there are now co-ops of growers such as the one in Williamston, and the marijuana plants and containers are never tagged. Larry stated that he did not know how many registered patients are in the state of Michigan at this time. Larry was asked about charging medical marijuana users with drugged driving when they are behind the wheel, and he stated that there is no law on file regarding the level of THC in the blood and driving. There are no cases on file regarding this. Larry summarized that the impact of the Michigan medical marijuana law has caused a “free for all” in our area and that it is crucial to have state regulations as soon as possible.

Discussion: Harriett Dean asked Larry what ISAP as a coalition could do to address this issue. Larry stated again that we must have state regulations and that the coalition could help work toward that. He suggested that ISAP members research the correlation between medical marijuana use and violent crime in the area and bring data to local law enforcement agencies. He added that working toward getting medical marijuana dispensaries out of neighborhoods to avoid drive by shootings and other crime would be helpful. Larry stated that, whereas drug trafficking is traditionally 60 to 70 per cent behind violent crime, it currently accounts for about 80% of violent crime in Lansing. Sara Lurie asked Larry to elaborate on state regulations. He stated that developing zoning laws in Michigan would end what he termed “certified drug houses.” Pat asked Larry what the school system could do to help. Larry stated that working with principals, as he has, would be helpful. He stated that he has spoken with Lansing high school principals about education regarding marijuana as a gateway drug. He has also encouraged them to take a hard look at the students who are clearly involved with drugs and drug trafficking and focus on solving this problem. Larry stated that there are usually 12 to 15 students in any high school who meet this description. Micki Fuhrman added that the Lansing School District has a good substance abuse policy in place and agreed that the need is to enforce it. Cecelia Garcia asked if ISAP is addressing the use of any other pharmaceutical drugs and Harriett responded that we are, but they are not a priority as are alcohol and tobacco products. Amy Moore stated that there are several landlords in Ingham County who want smoke-free legislation passed for their properties as regards tobacco. She asked if ISAP could work on the same thing regarding marijuana, possibly developing a booklet. Mike Tobias stated that this could be challenging as 63% of Michigan legislators had actually voted in favor of the medical marijuana law. Michelle Nicholson stated that Lansing’s City Attorney is taking a look at zoning as a means of addressing



the issue. She added that dispensing medical marijuana through pharmacies could be a good model solution. Mike Tobias asked Larry if there is a link between medical marijuana and other prescription drug use. Larry stated that he does not have that data this could be true. He stated that it has clearly been demonstrated to lead to heroin use. He also stated that he believes this is primarily a suburban high school problem. Carol Patterson asked if there are programs in Ingham County schools currently addressing substance abuse issues. Pat stated that Lansing School District's Link grant covers substance abuse prevention, specifically alcohol, but nothing specific about marijuana. Micki stated that without Michigan Model funding the module that addresses marijuana is not in place. She added that Lansing schools are now working on re-writing school policy around substance use. Sara stated that schools can actually do more than law enforcement can regarding "reasonable suspicion", based on their current policy, but they seem to be overly cautious in doing so. Harriett informed ISAP members present that our work plans address underage drinking and adult alcohol use, but we can add specific language about other drugs if we see a need to do so. Sara added that we can put language about medical marijuana in the 2011 MidSouth Substance Abuse Commission (MSSAC) Strategic Plan. It can be accepted, but cannot be funded this year. Pat stated that, as the "Parents Helping Parents" program has been a great reach-out to the community, we could consider using it to address medical marijuana. Micki asked if we could have funding allocated if we designate it as research. Cecelia asked about identifying medical marijuana as a prescription drug. Further discussion led to a consensus that ISAP would add an objective about investigating medical marijuana as a prescription drug in our 2011 Strategic Plan.

IV. Strategic Plan: Discussion and Vote on Acceptance:

Harriett Dean presented. Harriett distributed copies of the final draft of our Strategic Plan, as well as a Timeline for the 2011-2015 ISAP Strategic Plan and a Timetable for the 2010-2011 ISAP Implementation Plan. She reminded ISAP members present that she had adapted the ISAP Strategic Plan from the MSSAC Strategic Plan. She stated that ISAP members could do one of three things; accept, reject or call for modifications of the Strategic Plan as published. All ISAP members will vote on the Strategic Plan via electronic roll call the week of June 7th, 2010. It will be submitted to MSSAC by June 30th, 2010.

Decision: Following discussion, Pat Bednarz called for a motion regarding the 2011 MSSAC Strategic Plan. Amy Moore moved that the Strategic Plan be accepted with one modification made to the final draft presented today: researching medical marijuana as a prescription drug and collecting data. Karen Waters supported the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted by ISAP members present.

V. Work Group Recommendations for 2011 Implementation Plan:

Harriett distributed copies of MidSouth Implementation Plan Submission Guidelines: Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to ISAP members present. She stated that each of our work groups would describe in summary their proposed objectives for the Plan. All ISAP members will vote on the



Implementation Plan by roll call vote by the July ISAP meeting. It will be submitted to MSSAC by July 30th, 2010.

- **Family Matters:**

Carol Patterson presented. She stated that we would be carrying over some work from this fiscal year as well as proposing some new strategies. Carol summarized eight specific strategies:

1. Implementing evidence based family prevention education programs. The Roots and Wings curriculum will be used at Cristo Rey Community Center.
2. Providing 15 ten-week classes for parents of infants, toddlers and children. The Nurturing Program curriculum will be used at Cristo Rey Community Center.
3. Submission of a minimum of 3 grants to sustain parenting programs at Cristo Rey Community Center.
4. Providing an evidence based prevention program entitled Children of Addicted Parents at Cristo Rey Community Center.
5. Continuing to conduct focus groups for youth in the foster care system to determine protective services/prevention activities that ISAP can provide for them.
6. Meeting with foster care agencies and youth to explore linking Ingham County kids in care with mentors.
7. Continuing to advocate for youth identified in above strategies by providing access to Alcohol Awareness month and other ISAP-related prevention activities.
8. Continuing to broadcast ISAP-developed "Parents as Role Models" PSAs.

Carol stated that the new proposed objectives were numbers 4 and 6.

- **Youth:**

Micki Fuhrman presented. She stated that we would be carrying over some work from this fiscal year as well as proposing some new strategies. Micki summarized ten specific strategies:

1. Working with school personnel and counselors to understand the use of Michigan Profile for Health Youth (MiPHY) data.
2. Offering technical assistance to schools to use data with community groups.
3. Continuing work on the "Life of an Athlete" program with the Lansing School District.
4. Working with other school districts.
5. Continuing work with training of trainers in Parents Training Parents curriculum in other communities within Ingham County.
6. Working with the PAL Program in middle schools and high schools.
7. Conducting Drug Fact Chat Day.



8. Supporting the Michigan Model.
9. Social Norming.
10. Teen Court parenting programs.

Micki stated that the new proposed objectives were numbers 6 and 7.

- **Community Norms:**

Mike Tobias presented. He stated that work from this year will be carried over into next year. Mike stated that the Community Norms work group proposes to work with Epic, Inc. on a community norms professional survey. Marie Hansen added that the survey will go out to the community representatively and baseline data will be finalized within the month.

- **Adult Use and Parental Involvement in Youth Use:**

Harriett Dean presented. Harriett stated that proposed strategies included:

1. Assisting the treatment community on building capacity in the Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC).
2. Maintaining alcohol compliance checks and vendor education for Ingham County liquor licensees.
3. Continuing with the recommendation initiated by the treatment and referral service providers and the consumers of treatment services focus groups.

- **Media:**

Harriett presented. She stated that the Media Committee also conducted focus groups this year, test piloting the “No Bull” Media Campaign developed by the MSU Advertising class with whom we collaborated. Harriett stated that the Media Committee proposes to put together a proposal for marketing the “No Bull” campaign.

Discussion:

- Amy asked Harriett if we would need additional funding for the “No Bull” campaign, which was affirmed.
- Sara identified another potential proposed objective for the Implementation Plan: conducting two disposal dates in Ingham County for the safe disposal of medications. Sara stated that Amy has worked with the Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) to get the disposal dates. They identified a cost of \$10,000.00 for this type of work. Medications have to be disposed of by incineration, at a cost of \$1.42 per pound. Sara added that ISAP staff may talk to Don Iacobellis about having Pfizer US Medical, Inc. assist us with this project. She also added that Eaton County proposed a



similar strategy under the prescription drugs section of their plan. Amy stated that incineration sites have to be specified. She stated that the ICHD was granted funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct disposal dates for medications. Incineration is used to prevent the medications from leeching into ground water. Marie stated that we do not know exactly how many pounds of medications we would dispose of should we follow through with this strategy. Mike stated that local law enforcement agencies might be able to safely hold collected medications until they could be incinerated.

VI. Other Announcements:

- Amy distributed copies of a flyer for the 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off and again distributed copies of the Chili Cook-Off Gatekeepers 2010 Guidelines and Helpful Hints to ISAP members present. She stated that we now have 6 volunteers from ISAP who will volunteer at the Cook-Off but we still need more. Amy said that ISAP volunteers would primarily be checking wrist bands when serving alcoholic beverages to determine if the buyer is of age to drink. She stated that Cook-Off tickets can be ordered online or through “will call”. The event will take place at Adado Park in Lansing, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, June 4th.
- Larry stated that last year’s Common Ground Music Festival was one of the calmest ever held and thanked Mike Tobias for his efforts toward this.
- Dawn Kepler stated that Prevention Network would sponsor a train the trainers work shop on the “Life of an Athlete” Program from June 21st through June 23rd. The Prevention Network website can be checked for further detail.
- Sara distributed copies of a flyer describing the Golf Outing Fundraiser at Centennial Acres, Sunny Crest Youth Ranch, also sponsored by Prevention Network. The event will take place on Saturday, June 12th, with a shotgun start at 2:00 pm.

VII. Adjourn:

10:10 am