



## **Kent County Prevention Coalition (KCPC) August 28, 2018 General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

### **Attendance:**

Nadia Kimble (KCPC), Denise Herbert (Network180), Michele Stitt (Network180), Ashley Pattee (Arbor Circle), Shanda Vaughn (Pine Rest), Cathy Racalla (Wedgwood), Sharon Briggs (Cherry Health), Brooke Schmidt (Family Outreach Center), Janelle Johnson (Mercy Health), Scott Greenlee (Health and Productive Michigan), Abby Oliver (Healthy and Productive Michigan), Cassie January – Lee (Kent County Juvenile Detention), Laura Martzke (Calvin College), Charles Brown (Arbor Circle), Brenda Mathews (D.A. Blodgett – St. Johns), Carlos Coleman (Lighthouse Academy School), Nayaab Sattar (Kent County Health Department), Taylor Winslow (Cherry Health AmeriCorps), Jen McKinstry (D.A. Blodgett – St. Johns)

### **WELCOME –**

Greetings and introductions were facilitated to welcome members and guests. Housekeeping information was offered to members. Special recognition was given to Family Outreach center for hosting the meeting, Cherry Health for taking minutes and Network 180 for providing lunch.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS ACTION/DECISION ITEMS**

- Approval of August 28, 2018 meeting agenda
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Shanda Vaughn 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sharon Briggs ALL APPROVED
- Approval of June General Assembly (GA) minutes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Michele Stitt 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brooke Schmidt ALL APPROVED

### **Coalition Successes**

The following successes were shared with members:

**Coalition Successes – We are an innovative coalition improving the health of our community by reducing the harmful use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs! Let's celebrate the following coalition successes!**

- We have no identified successes for the month of August, as the crew has been in planning mode for the upcoming school year!

### **Science & Action**

The data, research, and trends that inform and guide our work

**Goals 1-3: Behavioral Outcomes regarding alcohol and marijuana use**

#### **Talksooner.org Featuring a “New” campaign: Michele Stitt**

- Talksooner.com is an app and website that was designed to assist parents in navigating the “drug talk” with their children. This may be a struggle due to previous experiences etc. We know that having these conversations early and often matters. This tool was created to assist with this conversation.
- The app is available for download on Android and Apple platforms.

- There is a new partnership with Channel 13 as well as social media efforts pointing toward video messaging for each county.
- Kent County has produced 15 and 30 second videos that will be featured on Social Media as well as Channel 13. The goal is to draw attention to Talk Sooner and this new campaign.
- The video segments were shared live with the group and will also be available online at talksooner.org

**KCPC Preparing for Advocacy: Marijuana Legalization Presentation: Healthy & Productive Michigan: Scott Greenlee**

- Scott shared his background professional journey that led him to be the founder of Health and Productive Michigan.
- Healthy and Productive Michigan informational flyers and voting info cards were distributed to the group.
- Scott showed some visual aids to help us understand the legal amount of marijuana allowed on an individual person or allowed in your home.
- During the presentation we were walked through some of the following talking points:
  - Impact of legalization of marijuana on Michigan taxes
    - The tax impact from marijuana will have a very small impact on Michigan tax dollars
    - Scott showed a bag full of 300 pennies, taking one of them and shaving off 1/16<sup>th</sup> would be the equivalent impact of the 200 million in tax dollars in the Michigan budget which is not significant
    - Scott shared that much of the talking points and data used by pro-recreation marijuana reps is not accurate or to scale.
  - The dangers of excessive illegal cash on the streets
    - Increased crime
    - Drug cartels being drawn to our state for crime
  - Drugged Driving – Law enforcement challenges and changes
    - If pulled over for suspected drug driving, there is no way to measure impairment / marijuana usage due to the time that the drug stays in your system
    - Due to the increased amount of THC in today's marijuana, impairment is highly increased, and reactions are unpredictable
  - Impairment – How this impacts the workforce
    - In many work settings, impairment could result in on the job injuries
    - Employers will have to explore their policies concerning impairment on the job.
  - Employers rights on drug laws and the increased cost of doing business
    - Employers will need to revisit their hiring policies as marijuana can remain in your system for several days, which will impact drug testing procedures
    - Employers and entrepreneurs would have impact on their insurance policies/premiums
  - Impact insurance rates after marijuana is legalized
    - Studies show that states with legalized marijuana have experienced hikes in car insurance rates
    - Michigan is already ranked number 3 in the country for highest insurance rates – How will marijuana impact that?
  - Michigan Marijuana taxes vs. other legalized states
    - Government officials in Colorado do not recommend legalizing marijuana as an effort to solve budget issues.

- For more information coalition members may visit Healthy and Productive Michigan on social media as well as online @ healthyandproductivemi.org

### **Goal 5: Expand Coalition Capacity Through Partnerships**

#### **Committee Updates/Recaps – ACTION TOWARDS THE NOVEMBER BALLOT!**

- Community Engagement – Ashley Pattee
  - Ashley shared an update with the group. Final logistics planning is underway, invitations/flyers for the event will be available soon to share the word.
- Data – Brian Hartl
  - There were no updates from the Data Committee

### **Announcements, Article and More!**

#### **The following were handouts at the meeting**

- Legalization to Increase Drugged Driving
- Mobilization Michigan – Talk to Your Children
- FDA Approved Marijuana Derived Medicine
- Boston Globe – The Dangers of Pot
- Calendar for KCPC General Assembly Meetings – SIGN UP TODAY!
  - Sign-up sheet was circulated for member organizations to sign up to host meetings in the upcoming fiscal year.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **19<sup>TH</sup> Annual Substance Use & Co-Occurring Conference** – September 17-18, 2018; [Grand Rapids] [www.macmh.org](http://www.macmh.org)
- **KCPC 2018 Annual Meeting** – October 2, 2018 [City Flats, 83 Monroe]
- **KCPC Lunch and Learn** – October 23, 2018, 12-1:30pm [Catholic Diocese, 360 Division Ave.]
- **KCPC “Weed it Out” Social Media Campaign** – October 17 – November 3, 2018

**Next GA Meeting is Sept. 25, 2018, Network180, [3310 Eagle Park Dr. NE G.R. 49525]**