



Kent County Prevention Coalition (KCPC) November 27, 2018 General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Brian Hartl (KCHD), Ashley Pattee (Arbor Circle), Sharon Briggs (Cherry Health), Eric Kropf (community member), Brooke Schmidt (Family Outreach Center), Carolyn Guyton (Camp Fire of West Michigan 4C), Melissa Ware (Arbor Circle), Cathy Racalla (Wedgwood), Spencer Shirreffs (Wedgwood), Anne King (KISD), Dyshea Cartman (GRPS), Krystle Williams (DHHS), Brenda Mathews (DA Blodgett), Shanda Vaughn (Pine Rest), Cassie January (17th Circuit Court), Nadia Kimble (KCPC), Michele Stitt (Network180), Denise Herbert (Network 180)

WELCOME –

Greetings, housekeeping information, and introductions were facilitated to welcome members and guests. Recognition was given to Network180 for hosting and providing lunch and to Family Outreach Center for taking the meeting minutes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ACTION/DECISION ITEMS

- Approval of November meeting agenda
 - 1st – Denise Herbert - 2nd – Carolyn Guyton ALL APPROVED
- Approval of September General Assembly (GA) minutes
 - September minutes were emailed; no formal approval. October meeting was the Lunch & Learn and no formal minutes recorded.

Coalition Successes

The following successes were shared with members:

OPERATION IMPACT – Being visible, valuable, and vocal in West MI and BEYOND!

UPDATE: ATI Kent County Youth Coalition

- Nadia reported that there are 27 kids in the group this year; no longer open for new attendees

KCPC Red Ribbon Week Celebration

- Michele reported on the activities involving 3 school groups and 1 faith-based group with about 50 youth ambassadors
- Student ambassadors will be coming to the December meeting to report out
- KCPC attendees are encouraged to wear red to this upcoming December meeting

Discussion and Action Items

Goals 1-3: Behavioral Outcomes Regarding Alcohol and Marijuana Use

2018 KCPC Project Sticker Shock: Nadia reported that 10 retailers opened shop for the project during the week of November 12-17th. The project is open to any youth groups or school.

Goal 4: Enhance Access to Local Data

KCPC Annual Member Survey: Brian reported on the 24 responses (online and in-person) completed by members. There was discussion about how data is presented, as well as what it is used for and by whom.

Goals 1-3: Behavioral Outcomes Regarding Alcohol and Marijuana Use (Continued)

Marijuana Debrief & Discussion: Dialogue on the passing of proposal 1 that allows a person 21-years of age or older to possess, use or consume, purchase and/or transport 2.5 ounces or less of marijuana.

- *Committee Recaps:*
 - **Data:** Brian discussed the social media posts used to inform individuals, raising awareness around proposal; moving forward the committee needs to regroup and decide if they will continue to focus on marijuana or focus on underage drinking
 - **Community Engagement:** Ashley discussed the success of the marijuana lunch and learn event. Attendees were given a survey and these results were presented.

- *Strategy Implementation:*
 - Denise led the conversation on what to do following the passing proposal
 - Region 3 results were broken down, as well as an overview of the law and prohibitions
 - The **target audience** was identified as parents, youth, college students, and adult users
 - Members are asked to come prepared to the January meeting with **identified strategies** to move forward, including suggested activities we can take on in our community

Announcements / Information

- Inclement weather policy
- GA Meetings Calendar
- Marijuana literature
 - Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act compared with Proposal 1 – the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act
 - An Overview of Michigan’s Recreational Marijuana Law
- Lakeshore Regional Entity, Prevention Metrics Tracking
- Michele K. Stitt announced her new role as a freelance graphic designer – Michele Stitt

Upcoming Events

- December 18, 2018 – KCPC GA Meeting
- January 2, 2019 – Youth Summit Registration Opens
- May 10, 2019 – Youth Summit 2019

Next Meeting Location: December 18, 2018 @ Wedgwood Christian Services [3300 36th St. SE G.R. 49512]