



Montcalm Prevention Collaborative Agenda

September 12, 2023, 10 am-11:30 am

Montcalm Area Intermediate School

621 New Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Or Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86434070933>

Attendees: John Johansen, Christa Jerome, Tyler Wigent, Cari O'Connor, Roger Coles, Joanna Urban, Jason Dillingham, Jacky McGill, Cali Huddleston, Allie Leslie, Darrell Eck, Amy O'Brien, Jodie Faber

- **Introductions – John J.**
- **Do we have a quorum – Amy O** – quorum was not met.
- **Welcome New and Returning members – J Johansen** – special welcome to first time attendees: Joanna Urban, Jacky McGill, Darrell Eck and Cali Huddleston
- **Consent Agenda** – no quorum so business could not be conducted.
 - **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Approval of 7.11.23 Minutes**
 - **Budget Reports**
- **Public Comment** - none
- **Review and updates to Bylaws, Mission & Vision statements, Health Disparities Statement**
 - Bylaws were reviewed and suggestions for revision made. The Bylaws will now be sent to the Full Collaborative at least 30 days prior to the next Full Collaborative meeting on November 14, 2023
 - Mission Statement was reviewed. Suggestion to change the word abuse to misuse.
 - Vision Statement – group thought this was an important addition to our Bylaws. Suggested Vision Statement would read: Every Montcalm County resident is able to access comprehensive substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery resources in an inclusive and accessible manner.
 - Health Disparity Statement – this will be needed in the future to be able to apply for grant funding from the state and federal level. This is what the attendees suggest the disparity statement should read: *substance use disorder, or substance misuse, is defined as the use of illegal drugs and the inappropriate use of legal substances, such as alcohol and tobacco. Substance misuse is strongly associated with poor health outcomes, premature death and increased socio-economic inequity Another consequence of substance misuse is an increased incidence of violent crimes and a lack of safety in a community, which affects the health of others who may not use or misuse substances. Nearly three-quarters of the community members surveyed indicated that alcohol and drug issues negatively impact their community. Nearly a third of adults in Montcalm County are current smokers, and over 20% of adults were classified as binge or heavy*

drinkers. **Include youth stats here.** Jodie F. will look up stats from the newest MiPhy to add in “include youth stats here” sentence.

- **Work Team Updates**

- a) **Prescription Drug and Medication Disposal Team –Christa Jerome** – next DEA Drug Take Back will be October 28th, 10 am-2 pm at Flat River Family Dentistry, 918 W. Washington St., Greenville. Event is sponsored by Corewell Health. Cali Huddleston will volunteer.
- b) **Cannabis Team – Christa Jerome** – Christa and Tyler Wigent have been visiting cannabis establishments to create positive relationships and to gain buy in for the idea of providing these establishments with cannabis lock bags that they can provide to their clientele.
- c) **Tobacco Team – Christa Jerome** - MMDHD provided tobacco vendor education in March to every vendor in the county. Synar checks were carried out in June to seven to tobacco vendors chosen by the State. There were no sales to minors reported.
- d) **Communications Team – Amy O’Brien** – the team is working to complete the informational inserts to the New Member Orientation folders. They will include information on who we are and what we do, Work Teams descriptions, how to get involved, meeting schedules, volunteer opportunities, and contact information. Next meeting is Monday, Sept. 18 with time yet to be determined. Cali H. and Joanna Urban have volunteered for this Work Team. Amy will send them the information for the meeting asap.
- e) **Montcalm Youth Prevention Clubs – Amy O’Brien** – County wide group (19 GHS, 2 LHS, 1 TCHS youth) met Sunday, Sept. 10 in Greenville to get the student’s input on a proposed application by MPC for the Opioid Settlement funds available. The youth are supportive of the proposed work plan and formed a planning committee to plan when and where the proposed youth leadership training would take place and to help create an initial budget for the application. That committee will meet in Greenville (or via Google Meets) on October 1st.
Greenville Youth Prevention Club – Amy O’Brien, advisor – Many new members were recruited at the GHS Open House in August and by word of mouth. There are approximately 20 new members to the club.
Lakeview Youth Prevention Club – Cody Staup, advisor – Cody is the new advisor for this club. There are just three members remaining from last year. They will work hard to increase their membership so they can have enough participation to accomplish the prevention initiatives they hope to do this school year. Their first meeting of the school year will be Monday, Sept. 18.
Tri County Youth Prevention Club – Laura McCarthy, advisor – the club has not met this year. They went back to school just this past week.

Vestaburg Youth Prevention Club – Ty Warczinsky, advisor – Ty has a new position at VHS as its Athletic Director and hopes to continue serving as the club’s advisor. Ty, Jodie F. and Amy O. will evaluate after a couple of months whether the arrangement is still working. The club has not met yet this school year. Christa Jerome will reach out to Ty to see if he needs any assistance.

Central Montcalm Youth Prevention Club – this is a new club that will be formed using SUDAC funding to pay a new advisor. Austin Sargent is meeting with Amy O. and Jodie F. to potentially become the first advisor at CMHS for the new club.

- **Community Collaborative Upcoming activities/Initiatives**

- a) September 16, 9 am – 3:00 pm - Great Start Early Childhood Conference** - Cari C. reports that the conference has been moved to virtual for many reasons. They believe this will be a more efficient and cost-effective way to present this information.
- b) September 22, 9 am – 1 pm – Compassion Cures Part 2, MCC Doser, Sidney** – keynote speaker will be Jerrold Jones, former First Congregational Church pastor. We have 57 registrations so far for the event. The event is the second part to a series that began in 2023 with the first Compassion Cures community conversation. It continues the conversation around the stigma associated with substance misuse and mental health struggles, and the need for compassion.
- c) September 26, 10 am-1 pm – Probation Resource Fair, First Baptist Church, Stanton** – Christa J. and Tyler W. will be at the event to provide cannabis lock bags, first aid kits w/Narcan, and recovery group information. Cali H. and Jacky M. would like to volunteer for this event. Christa J. will follow up via email with them.
- d) October 28, 2023, 10 am-1 pm, Drug Take Back, Greenville location TBD** – this will take place at Flat River Family Dentistry, 918 W. Washington St., Greenville from 10 am – 2 pm. Cali H and Jacky M volunteered for this. Christa J will follow up with them.

- **Executive Board**

- a) The Collaborative is seeking nominations for Vice-Chair, Secretary and Members at large. Those interested should contact Amy or Jodie at coordinator@montcalmprevention.org** – nominations included Christa Jerome for Secretary, and Tara Allen for Vice Chair. Jason D will let us know of his intent to continue as a Member-at-Large.
- b) Opioid Settlement Update** – A small committee was formed and met Sept. 7th to discuss possible programs that MPC could apply for from this fund. There were two areas that we would focus our application on: funding to support advisors and prevention clubs in county schools, and a local youth training event that will bring CADCA resources/training to a much larger number of youths in our county.

- c) **Work Plan update/review** – Jodie F. and Amy O. presented a proposed work plan for the Opioid Settlement application due at the end of October. Attendees liked the work plan as it was presented.
- d) **Collaborative Involvement Agreement** –
<https://www.montcalmprevention.org/forms/view.php?id=21932>
- e) **In-Kind form** – please fill one out for every participation in MPC activities.
<https://www.montcalmprevention.org/forms/view.php?id=21529>
- **Round Table**
 - a) **How can you help? What do you need from us?** – Cari O. announced that she just received an email saying that our 2023 DFC Progress Report has been approved!
- **Adjournment**

Next Collaborative Meeting: **November 14, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am MAISD and Zoom**