

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION (GTCDFC) NEWSLETTER

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RECENT OVERDOSE SAVES

Since January 2016, 61 saves have been made thanks to the Naloxone Project lead by Certified Prevention Specialists, Laurie Ames with Up North Prevention/Catholic Human Services.

The most recent saves were by Otsego Sheriff's Office on January 17th, Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office on February 7th and Petoskey DPS on February 18th. This number only includes the overdose reversals that have been reported to Laurie, verbally and by using naloxone usage forms.

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Welcome to the second GTCDFC newsletter! The coalition continues to have great community involvement and has welcomed new members over the last month. At the February coalition meeting, By-Laws were approved and the group welcomed a presentation on Medication Assisted Treatment from Sue Winter, Executive Director of NMSAS Recovery Center, located in Gaylord. Each month there will be a guest presenter to educate the coalition on this complex issue our community continues to face.

I have joined members from the five county coalition in a Systems Practice training provided by NorthSky, a part of Rotary Charities. This group will be looking at treatment options for people with Substance Use Disorder in the five county region. I have also been working on finalizing a contract with our epidemiology team and getting positions posted for Youth Engagement Liaisons in three of our county's schools. Both of these efforts are part of our NMRE Liquor Tax grant dollars.

Lastly, Lisa Anderson and I have written for the Rotary Good Works grant in hopes of receiving funding to help expand the Youth Engagement Liaisons to two more schools in the county.

Be well,

- *Renae*

A RECENT SUCCESS

On February 8, 2018, a Parents Education Night meeting was held at Kingsley Middle School for all area parents to learn about current drug trends, how to recognize signs of substance use and experimentation in their children and what resources are available to help with issues surrounding substance use and abuse. Presenters included Lisa Anderson from Up North Prevention, Margie Rich from K-town Teen Health Center and Shannon Grossman, Kingsley Middle School counselor. The evening included a pizza and salad meal and childcare provided by members of the high schools "Student's Against Negative Decisions" (STAND) club. Schools or other groups and organizations who are interested in hosting a similar event are invited to contact Lisa Anderson at 231-883-6747.



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MEDICAL MARIJUANA UPDATE

While the legalization of marijuana continues to be a controversial topic, it is important to educate our community about the effects of THC and to keep it away from our kids and youth. Per the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), products containing THC (the mind altering drug) are required to inform consumers by including the following image. For more information, visit the LARA website: http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-78089_80383---,00.html



NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- The February 10th Grizzel's Game was a major success, raising over \$20,000 which was donated to Addiction Treatment Services (ATS). The following video was shown the night of the event. This video was created by kids at East Middle School in Jody Mackey's yearbook class. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZU2FcsFg4HI&sns=em>
- The Northern Express, Opioids Up North: <https://www.northernexpress.com/news/feature/opioids-up-north/>
- The Atlantic, The Surprising Ease of Buying Fentanyl Online: <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2018/01/the-surprising-ease-of-buying-fentanyl-online/551915/>
- 9&10 News, New Prescription Opioid Laws Set to Take Effect: <http://www.9and10news.com/2018/02/01/new-prescription-opioid-laws-set-take-effect/>
- Record Eagle, Editorial: Donation and ingenuity may save 300 local lives. A local family, the Hertler's donate \$10,000 to Addiction Treatment Service (ATS) for naloxone kits: http://www.record-eagle.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-donation-and-ingenuity-may-save-local-lives/article_cb2eeac0-1110-5c8b-9d19-1027c6444d73.html
- Surgeon General, first ever report on addiction: <https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/executive-summary>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

March 6th, 7th & 8th 6-9pm – Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope documentary screening. March 6th showing at Charlevoix High School, March 7th at Harbor Springs Auditorium, March 8th at Petoskey Middle School. All screenings are free and hosted by the Charlevoix-Emmet Trauma Informed Community Team and its partners. More details and pre-registration can be found here: <http://upnorthchildabusecouncil.org/resilience-movie-screening-23/>

March 8th 3:30pm – GTCDFC Meeting in the TC West Senior High Media Center. The agenda will be sent via email one week prior to the meeting. Note, this meeting takes place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 3:30pm.

March 21st 7:00pm – GTCDFC Treatment Workgroup Meeting at Pine Rest Traverse City Clinic.

April 19th 8am-4:30pm – Pleasure Unwoven: Shifting the Culture on Complex Care and Addictions, speaker Kevin T. McCauley, M.D. This event is presented by The Co-Occurring Conference Coalition at the NMC Hagerty Center. <https://mynorthtickets.com/events/Pleasure-Unwoven>

April 20th 8am-4:30pm – 3rd Annual Clinical Ethics Conference: Substance Use Disorders. This event will take place at the NMC Hagerty Center. <https://mhc.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/3rd-annual-clinical-ethics-conference/info>

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