

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION (GTCDFC) NEWSLETTER

Volume 1 / Issue 8 / August 2018

MUNSON COMMUNITY HEALTH HERO

Prosecuting Attorney and Chair of our Coalition was honored by Munson Medical Center as a 2018 Community Health Hero. See photo and info below regarding this award.

“Honored by Munson Medical Center for his work on the opioid crisis in northern Michigan. Robert has been an advocate and quiet champion in bringing law enforcement, education, health care, and social sector groups together to find new and effective ways to stem the opioid epidemic. He was integral to creating the Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition.”

www.munsonhealthcare.org/communityhealth-heroes

<https://www.gandionews.com/2018/08/21/grand-traverse-county-prosecutor-awarded-munson-medical-center-community-health-hero/>

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying what is left of summer and brings excitement to the beginning of our next season, fall! We have had a lot of behind the scene work happening this month. Plans for a countywide Youth Summit this fall are coming together. A two full day CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) training for a few of our board members with numerous others from the 21 county region took place, and our Epidemiology team is working hard to compile data and lead community assessments. FAN also had their first family forum this month with a turnout of over 40 people including interested community members, people in recovery, and family members that have been impacted by addiction. As a reminder, FAN meets the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City.

Be well,

- *Renae*



Pictured above: The Munson Healthcare Community Health Committee presents Health Hero Award to Coalition Chair, Bob Cooney. Other coalition members pictured above include Dr. Lyn Conlon, Renae Fogarty, and Dr. Dave McGraham.

EPIDEMIOLOGY UPDATE

At our August 9th coalition meeting, Jane Sundmacher and Melanie Perry, from the Public Health Alliance presented a review of their secondary data results. Following the presentation, focus groups have taken place including one following the Grand Traverse County Community Collaborative on August 23rd. Members from the coalition as well as other community stakeholders attended and helped to answer the question “What can we do in Grand Traverse County to increase prevention and treatment of substance use?” Results from this assessment session as well as future focus groups will be shared in the fall months by the Epidemiology team.

If you haven't done so already, please follow the survey monkey link to provide the team with your feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RHX2796>



Participants from the coalition joined the Public Health Alliance for a focus group. Members included Wendy Hirschenberger, Chief Obrien, Lisa Anderson, Renae Fogarty, Dr. McGraham, and Gerry Morris.

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Up North Live: Effort to reduce overdose deaths seeks to involve businesses
<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/effort-to-reduce-overdose-deaths-seeks-to-involve-businesses>
- The New York Times: The Worst Drug Crisis in American History
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/31/books/review/beth-macy-dopesick.html>
- The Ticker: TC Restaurant, Bar Owners Seek to Combat “Party City” Reputation
<https://www.traverseticker.com/news/tc-restaurant-bar-owners-seek-to-combat-party-city-reputation/>
- Michigan Radio: Opioids are a risky choice for pain relief in wisdom tooth extraction
<http://www.michiganradio.org/post/opioids-are-risky-choice-pain-relief-wisdom-tooth-extraction>
- Tips for Helping Someone Battling Addiction: Dos and Donts
https://aforeverrecovery.com/blog/addiction/helping-someone-battling-addiction/?utm_source=FaceBookAd&utm_medium=CPC&utm_campaign=Traffic+-+US+-+18+The+Do%E2%80%99s+and+Don%E2%80%99ts+of+Helping+Someone+Battling+Addiction

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

September 8th 10:30am-12:30pm – Multiple Pathways Workshop: Learn about multiple pathways of recovery. This event will take place at Horizon Bookstore (downstairs), Traverse City. For more information or questions, contact Tory Werth @ 989-732-1791

September 10th 9am-3pm – 2018 Northern Michigan HIV Summit at the Hagerty Conference Center in Traverse City. Registration required: <https://mhc.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/4th-annual-tjcc-hiv-summit-for-northern-michigan/overview>

September 13th 8am-4pm – Rethinking Addiction: Creating Change put on by Addiction Treatment Services at the Dennon Museum Center, Traverse City MI <https://www.rethinkingaddiction.org/>

September 25th 6pm – Overdose Prevention and Response Clinic Hosted by Harm Reduction Michigan. This event will take place in September and October and is free to those interested in attending. The event will take place at the Traverse City Main District Library, 610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City in the Thirlby Room

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/overdose-prevention-and-response-clinic-traverse-city-tickets-33268276310>

September 25th & 26th 8:30am-5pm – Drug Influence Training and Butane Hash Oil, Fentanyl & Heroin Training. Day one is targeted for school admin, counselors, educators, social workers, health care providers, etc. Day two is targeted for law enforcement and EMS. Trainings will take place at Kirtland Community College Grayling Campus, Grayling MI.

\$25 fee per day <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drug-influence-training-by-keith-graves-tickets-48166957667> &

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/butane-hash-oil-fentanyl-and-heroin-tickets-48167136201>

September 29th 7:30am-12:30pm – SCOPE of Pain: Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education, Little River Casino Resort, Manistee MI. For more information [click here](#) or register at the following link:

<https://www.scopeofpain.org/in-person-training/select-a-conference.php>

November 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, 11th – NMSAS Peer Recovery Coach Academy at Michigan Works, Traverse City. Questions about the training or application should be directed to Tory Werth, twerth@nmsas.net or Shannon Peek speek@nmsas.net or by calling NMSAS Recovery Center at 989-732-1791.

Contact Us

Renaë Fogarty

Coordinator

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition

Email: Renaë.Fogarty@gmail.com

Website: www.gtcdfc.com

Like us on [Facebook](#)



**Grand Traverse County
Drug Free Coalition**

If you have news or events you would like to share or are interested in participating in the Coalition, please contact Renaë Fogarty via email at Renaë.Fogarty@gmail.com