

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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ANGEL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hope Not Handcuffs

**SEPTEMBER 11TH
6:30PM-8:30PM**

Hope Not Handcuffs allows a person struggling with any drug or alcohol addiction to walk into the Traverse City Police Department (TCPD) and ask for help. Individuals who walk in are not arrested or investigated for using drugs; instead, they are greeted with support, compassion, and respect. An 'Angel' volunteer will be on call to help participants complete paperwork and place a call to the appropriate provider for treatment services. Meetings are safe and will take place at the TCPD. Once a treatment option has been found, transportation will be arranged. Volunteers pick their days and hours to be on call, as much or as little as you would like! Follow this link for more information and to sign up: <https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs-angel>. Please email/call/text Suzy Cline, Regional Director Grand Traverse County FAN/HNH, at suzy@hopenothandcuffs.com or (231) 342-9969, with any questions.

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I hope that everyone is enjoying the last few weeks of summer! I personally had an eventful August; I got married and recently returned from my honeymoon in New Zealand. I have changed my last name, so you will begin seeing and hearing Reed, which is much easier to pronounce than Houghan ☺. Since the current email address for the coalition contained my old last name, I have changed the email address; you will now begin seeing all communication from me regarding the coalition come from the following email address:

GTCdrugfreecoalition@gmail.com

Health and Happiness,

Lauren

MEET NOELLE!

Noelle Moeggenberg recently filled the open chair position for our coalition, which was previously held by Bob Cooney. Noelle was appointed Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney in December of 2018, after serving as Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from 2013 to 2018, and as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney since 1998. Noelle has specialized in the areas of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and throughout her career has seen the effects of substance abuse on the families that she serves. Noelle believes that while a criminal justice response to the opioid crisis is important, it is equally important that we raise awareness and educate our community, especially our children, about the dangers of this epidemic.

EXPANDING, ENHANCING EMOTIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services was allotted a pot of money for its Child & Adolescent Health Center Program for placing full-time mental health professionals in schools; this program is called Expanding, Enhancing Emotional Health (E3). The mental health professionals will be in addition to the current school social workers and will help to expand their work. This program will be implemented in 61 locations throughout Michigan; our county will have two of them – at TC West Senior High School and at Kingsley. The individuals for these two local sites have already been selected and they will start around the beginning of the upcoming school year.

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- CNN – Oklahoma Wins Case Against Drug Maker in Historic Opioid Trial: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/26/health/oklahoma-opioid-trial-verdict-bn/index.html>
- 9&10 News – Michigan State Police Receive New Trailer for Educational Programs: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/08/27/michigan-state-police-receive-new-trailer-for-educational-programs/>
- The Ticker – Traverse City Crime by the Numbers: <https://www.traverseticker.com/news/traverse-city-crime-by-the-numbers-1/>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

September 5 6:30pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum meeting at Central United Methodist Church, Traverse City. <https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/copy-of-grand-traverse> *Note - this group meets the 1st Thursday of each month*

September 12 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at TC High School. *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

September 24 6-7:30pm – Harm Reduction Michigan overdose prevention and response training at the Traverse Area District Library in the the Thirlby Room. *Note – trainings occur on the last Tuesday of each month*

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