

# Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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On November 14, 2019 Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and other members of the Michigan Opioids Task Force announced efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and cut opioid deaths in half. Below is a link to the full press release.

<file:///C:/Users/CHS/Downloads/Michigan%20Opioid%20Task%20Force.pdf>

## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season! Our coalition will not be meeting in December; our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 9 from 4-5pm at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City (701 Westminster Road, Traverse City).

Be well,

Lauren

## STAND UPDATE

The Kingsley STAND Club held a recruiting event during a lunch hour where they passed out Rice Krispies Treats and educated students on what STAND Club is. Kingsley High School also did a showing of the Resilience film for parents and students.

The TC High School STAND Club put together and handed out bags filled with items to help students refrain from smoking on November 21, which was the national Great American Smokeout day. The bags contained stress balls, mints, gum, and suckers.

The TC Central High School STAND Club is working to develop a script so they can make a video on distracted driving.

The TC West Senior High STAND Club is planning a drug free basketball game. They are also starting the process of doing the Strive for a Safer Drive (S4SD) Campaign, an initiative through the Michigan State Police.

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- NPR – Built for Counterterrorism, this High-Tech Machine is Now Helping Fight Fentanyl: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/11/27/780794194/built-for-counterterrorism-this-high-tech-machine-is-now-helping-fight-fentanyl>
- 9&10 News – Recreational Marijuana Sales to Begin Soon; Not in Traverse City: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/11/14/recreational-marijuana-sales-to-begin-soon-not-in-traverse-city/>
- MI ACE Initiative – ACEs Increases Opioid Relapse by 17% Each; ACE-Informed Treatment Visit Reduces it by 2%: <https://www.miace.org/2019/11/01/aces-increases-opioid-relapse-rate-by-17-each-ace-informed-treatment-visit-reduces-it-by-2/>
- 9&10 News – Traverse City Commissioners say No to Temporary Ban on New Liquor Licenses in Town: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/06/17/traverse-city-commissioners-say-no-to-temporary-ban-on-new-liquor-licenses-in-town/>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**December 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month\*

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