

# Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CO-OCCURRING COALITION CONFERENCE

APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>  
7:30AM-3:45PM

Guest speaker, Gabor Maté, is a retired physician and author with expertise in addiction, trauma, childhood development, and the relationship of stress and illness. The cost of this event is \$65 and will take place at the Hagerty Center. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit <https://mynorthtickets.com/events/realms-of-hungry-ghosts>.

## A REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: INSPIRING HOPE AND RECOVERY

APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00AM-4:00PM

Manistee area agencies are hosting a symposium on the impact of opioids in the region. This event features two keynote speakers, Jon Villasurda and Karen M. Marshall, as well as multiple breakout sessions. The cost of this event is \$60 and will take place at Little River Casino and Resort Conference Center. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.uwmanistee.org/>.

## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I hope that everyone has been staying safe and warm during all of the winter weather that we have been experiencing!

At our February meeting, Wendy Hirschenberger, from the Grand Traverse County Health Department, and Jane Sundmacher, from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, shared preliminary data from the Epidemiology Substance Use Assessment project. Coalition members helped to identify themes in qualitative data that Wendy and Jane have collected. They will use our findings and continue to work through the data to complete the project and have finalized data available in March.

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete this short survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3BLORG>. The results will help us to make sure that our meetings are productive, beneficial, and convenient for you.

Health and Happiness,

Lauren

## COALITION WORKGROUPS

Did you know that our coalition has workgroups? The five workgroups include medical, law enforcement, treatment/recovery, prevention, and Students Together Against Negative Decisions (STAND). These groups meet one time per month separate from our coalition meeting. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, or would like more information, please email me at [laurenhoughan.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:laurenhoughan.coalition@gmail.com) and I will connect you with the workgroup chair.

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- 9&10 News –Meijer Launches Consumer Drug Take-Back Program:  
<https://www.9and10news.com/2019/02/21/meijer-launches-consumer-drug-take-back-program/>
- CNN – FDA may Recommend Overdose Reversal Drug Alongside Opioid Prescriptions:  
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/20/health/opioids-naloxone-prescriptions-partner/index.html>
- MLive – Marijuana Most Prevalent Drug in Michigan Roadside Testing, Police Find:  
<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/02/marijuana-most-prevalent-drug-in-michigan-roadside-testing-police-find.html>
- Wood TV8 – Michigan Schools, Health System Training Doctors on Opioids:  
<https://www.woodtv.com/news/national/michigan-schools-health-system-training-doctors-on-opioids/1804259546>
- 9&10 News –Should Drug Dealers be Charged with Murder? States Ponder:  
<https://www.9and10news.com/i/should-drug-dealers-be-charged-with-murder-states-ponder/>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**March 7 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\*

**March 14 4-5pm** – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at TC Central High School room F146. \*Note – we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month\*

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