



Grand Traverse County  
Drug Free Coalition

March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
4-5pm

Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/91004241223?pwd=YnVSR2dWUEdzUXJDSHVUVmVWZ3hKUT09>

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TIME	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OWNER
4:00pm	SETTLE IN	Introductions	Lauren
	ATTENDANCE	Lou Gamalski, Dave Freedman, Kip Belcher, Suzy Cline, Nancy Dow, Matt Zerilli, Chip Cielinkski, Bill Myers, Lisa Anderson, Suzanne Prentice, Gwen Gravelie, Dave Prichard, Christina Eickenroth, Kim Johnson, Dave McGreaham, Joe Bagby, Lyn Conlon, Lindsay Schnell, Sandy Dunkin, Paul Bock, Lauren Reed	
4:10pm	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GENERAL UPDATES	<b>Color for Hope</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We are continuing to sell the posters on the DDA's website and at local retailers</li><li>We have raised just over \$3,000 so far</li><li>We recently purchased five Naloxboxes for the Traverse Area District Library locations</li><li>Lou recommended that we could consider putting them in grocery stores</li><li>The Porch does a Naloxone distribution and training program, they have an agreement with the DDA that they will train and distribute to any local businesses. If there is an organization that you think would be a good candidate, reach out to Matt</li></ul>	Nancy Dow  Lou Gamalski  Matt Zerilli

		<p><a href="mailto:mattz@addictiontreatmentservices.org">mattz@addictiontreatmentservices.org</a>) and he would be happy to reach out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will have a discussion at a future meeting about naloxone distribution in Grand Traverse County</li> </ul> <p><b>TC East Middle School virtual substance use education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We meet with a different 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at East Middle School every Friday. The students watch the Predator and Prey documentary prior to the session and then there is a discussion with the 1-2 guest speakers who have lived experience with addiction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Munson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manistee, Kalkaska and Frankfort hospitals have all launched with their Narcan distribution programs in their Emergency Departments (ED), they will provide naloxone in the ED to people who have or are at risk of overdose.</li> </ul> <p>There is a grant opportunity coming up through Impact 100. The grant applications opens on April 23 and there will be two grants of over \$100,000 awarded. For more information, contact Suzy at <a href="mailto:excbser@charter.net">excbser@charter.net</a> or visit the website at <a href="https://www.impacttc.org/grants/">https://www.impacttc.org/grants/</a>.</p> <p>Available grants: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/health-emailupdates/samhsa-headlines-grants-for-medication-assisted-treatment-prescription-drug-and-opioid-addiction?e=4e6464bfd3">https://mailchi.mp/health-emailupdates/samhsa-headlines-grants-for-medication-assisted-treatment-prescription-drug-and-opioid-addiction?e=4e6464bfd3</a></p>	<p>Nancy Dow</p> <p>Christina Eickenroth</p> <p>Suzy Cline</p> <p>Dave Freedman</p>
4:20pm	Medication-Assisted Treatment	<p><b>MAT services offered at Munson</b></p> <p>See attached presentation slides</p>	Dr. Gwen Gravelie

4:40pm	Current Drug Trends	<p><b>Kip Belcher, from the Michigan State Police, will provide an update on the current drug use trends</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kip oversees three teams in Northern Michigan: TNT, SANE, AND HUNT.</li><li>• Meth, heroin, oversee shipments of narcotics, and opioids are their focuses.</li><li>• They take a three prong approach and become involved with treatment and mental health organizations as well as teaching of law enforcement and civilians on drug trends, behavioral issues, safety issues with neighbors, workplace safety, etc.</li><li>• The commonality of finding loaded firearms or weapons with drugs is becoming a real concern for his team.</li><li>• For the past 12-18 months, they have been seeing crystal meth being routed through Mexico along the same transit lines as heroin and fentanyl.</li><li>• These drug trends shift regularly</li><li>• Drug trends start on the West Coast and move east, so in Michigan we are a couple of years behind the West Coast trends.</li><li>• According to TNT commander, this past year their percentage of drug seizures have been 30% methamphetamine, 17% RX drugs (primarily opioids), and 15% combination of heroin and fentanyl.</li><li>• They are seeing international mail shipments from Germany, India, China, Singapore, and more, they make it through security and then they make it to Michigan for sales.</li><li>• Confiscated substances are taken to an incinerator in Grand Rapids.</li><li>• They are seeing that people with SUD are starting to use meth because they think there is less risk involved, so there has been a shift in drug preference in active</li></ul>	Kip Belcher
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		<p>users in some cases from opioids to meth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you have questions or would like further information, you can reach Kip at: <a href="mailto:belcherk@michigan.gov">belcherk@michigan.gov</a></li></ul>	
5:00pm	ADJOURNMENT	<b><i>Next meetings: April 8, May 13, June 10</i></b>	Lauren