



Grand Traverse County
Drug Free Coalition

November 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4-5pm

Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/95640237687?pwd=aXNTN0c2QUJ6WGpaQ3h3Y215WmFxUT09>

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TIME	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OWNER
4:00pm	SETTLE IN	Introductions	Lauren Reed
	ATTENDANCE	Dave McGreaham, Dave Freedman, Nancy Dow, Suzanne Prentice, Britt Gervais, Jordan Wieber, Suzy Cline, Kim Johnson, Tim Shewcraft, Lou Gamalski, Michelle Peterson, Pam Lynch, Tim Hudson, Lauren Reed	
4:10pm	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GENERAL UPDATES	Stuff a Blue Goose Event <ul style="list-style-type: none">In December of 2020, we collaborated with the Michigan State Police to hold a "Stuff a Blue Goose" event. We collected and donated toys to Single MOMM that they delivered to families during the holiday season.The coalition is interested in holding another event this year and Lauren has reached out to the MSP to see whom we can partner with for this event. Color for Hope holiday sale at Tom's West Bay <ul style="list-style-type: none">We will be selling posters at Tom's West Bay on Saturday, December 4 from 10am-2pm and Wednesday, December 15 from 4-7pm. Stop by to pick up some posters for someone on your holiday shopping list!	Lauren Reed Lauren Reed

		<p>Medication Lockboxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone is in need of a medication lockbox for themselves or someone they know please contact Lauren at gtcdrugfreecoalition@gmail.com <p>ACLU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a young man who was upset that he was not allowed to use Suboxone when incarcerated in the Grand Traverse County jail. The ACLU has filed a federal lawsuit on his behalf. His hearing is tomorrow, 11/12 at 3pm at the courthouse in Traverse City. <p>Kingsley STAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are creating committees for each of the months during the school year to plan events for those months. <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting for open board positions will take place at the end of November; the new term will begin on January 1, 2022. 	Lauren Reed
4:15pm	HARM REDUCTION	<p>Harm Reduction MI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They provide a continuum of drug user health services • They are a Recovery Community Organization, so at least 50% of staff and board members have had firsthand experience with SUD and are in long-term recovery, this sets an example of the potential that people hold. • Everyone in the program is tested for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV. They are given education about these diseases and their test results. • They have been a part of a pilot with Wayne State since last December and they are now able to screen, diagnose, 	Pam Lynch

		<p>and treat for Hep C. They have treated 15 people so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They also do medication for opioid and alcohol use disorders. • They do pickup and cleanups at homeless camps to pick up used needles and drop off new supplies. • They trained nurses at Saginaw State University on Harm Reduction. They are also providing a training for students and staff in December at Wayne State University. • There are naloxone vending machines at locations throughout Michigan now. There is one at the Harm Reduction MI Baldwin location. There is also one in the lobby at the Wexford County Sherriff's Department. • Pam was able to attend the National Stimulus Conference and heard Sam Quinones speak. Sam wrote the book "Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opioid Epidemic." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ His newest book, "The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth" was just released. 	
5:00pm	ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>Next meetings: January 13, February 10, March 10</i> **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**</p>	Lauren Reed