



Grand Traverse County
Drug Free Coalition

May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes
4-5pm

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

Meeting ID: 956 4023 7687

Password: 497466

TIME	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OWNER
4:00pm	SETTLE IN	<p>Introductions</p> <p>ATTENDANCE: Lou Gamalski, Robin Smillie, Nancy Dow, Diane Goodyear, David McGreaham, Suzy Cline, Michelle Peterson, Dave Freedman, Lydia Bloem, Christina Eikenroth, Dana Kilinski, Lyn Conlon, Lauren Reed (coordinator)</p>	Lauren Reed
4:10pm	GUEST SPEAKER	<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mission: Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.• Vision: All youth achieve their full potential.• Serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, and Kalkaska counties• It is estimated that 6,000 kids in our area could benefit from having a mentor• The program supports children between the age of 6-18 years old, but will continue to support Littles up to the age of 25• They meet their families where they are• They receive referrals from teachers, school administrators, social workers, and other organizations	Robin Smillie

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bigs help the Littles to identify skills that are important to them • Bigs are recruited from the community, both adults and high school students • Quite a few families currently in the program are affected by addiction or have incarcerated parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They are able to connect these families with community resources to get them the help they need • The vetting process for the volunteers is extensive to make sure they are the people they want representing Big Brothers Big Sisters and that they are taking care of their Littles • Incredible Mo's, Pirates Cove, Center Ice and other community businesses allow for the Bigs and Littles to use their facilities/services for free • The Bigs can contact their Mentoring Specialist if they have any issues or sense that a child is in danger and they can assist with contacting the appropriate authority or resources • If you know of a child that could benefit from their services you can visit https://bigsupnorth.com/ and press "ENROLL A CHILD", or you can share that link that the parents for them to enroll their child • They are always looking for Bigs, so if you are interested please apply 	
4:40pm	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GENERAL UPDATES	Coffee with a Cop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion, no agenda • Getting to know law enforcement, reduce stigma • Wednesday, May 18 at the Grand Traverse Pie Company from 9:30-11am in Traverse City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Address: 525 W Front Street, Traverse City 	Suzy Cline

		<p>STAND Scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We received PA2 funding to provide scholarships to seniors that have been active in the Students Together against Negative Decisions Clubs. There will be more information about these students in the coalition's next newsletter. <p>Substance Free Coalition of Northwest Michigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SFCNM is in the process of applying for another grant to continue the work on their prevention campaign <p>Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare institutions can be more engaged now that things with Covid has settled a little bit in the hospitals. They are starting to implement Naloxone Leave Behind Programs, Peer Recovery Coaches, MOUD in the ED NMORC has upcoming public presentations in Gaylord and East Tawas on the topic of SUD. Doing presentations when they can around the region. <p>Article of interest: https://www.thealpenanews.com/news/local-news/2022/04/deadlier-drug-makes-way-to-alpena-area/</p>	<p>Lauren Reed</p> <p>Dave McGreaham</p> <p>Dave McGreaham</p>
5:00pm	ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>Next meetings: June 9, August 11, September 8</i></p> <p><i>**NO MEETING IN JULY**</i></p>	Lauren Reed