

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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ADDICTION + RECOVERY IN THE SERVICE INDUSTRY

by Addiction Treatment Services

**MAY 2ND
6:00PM-8:00PM**

This educational event is aimed at managers and employees of the service industry and community members who are interested in knowing more about addiction and recovery in our community. This free event is being held at the Park Place Hotel and Conference Center. For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/addiction-recovery-in-the-service-industry-tickets-59008588276>.

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

April was filled with great learning opportunities! The 22nd Annual Co-Occurring Coalition Conference took place at the Hagerty Center on April 1. Guest speaker, Dr. Gabor Maté talked about the source of addictions and how early childhood experiences shape the brain, among many other topics. The Regional Opioid Symposium was held in Manistee on April 4. This event had multiple breakout sessions on various topics related to substance use. At our coalition meeting this month we had Sarah Sergent, Jenn Strange, and Courtney Whinnery from the Traverse City Health Clinic present on the Opioid Health Home program, which is designed to coordinate and manage all the care and services that an individual needs.

Health and Happiness,

Lauren

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Our monthly coalition meetings will now take place at Traverse City High School (3962 N Three Mile Rd, Traverse City) in the MAC. Once you turn into the school parking lot you will drive on the ride hand side of the building towards the back, you will then see double doors with a sign that says “GTC Drug Free Coalition”.

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- 9&10 News – Traverse City Clerk Overwhelmed by High Volume of Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center Applications: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/04/17/traverse-city-clerk-overwhelmed-by-high-volume-of-medical-marijuana-provisioning-center-applications/>
- Record Eagle– GT Board Says ‘No’ to Harm-Prevention Contracts: https://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/gt-board-says-no-to-harm-prevention-contracts/article_54bf35e0-1a9c-5021-8255-c02bd66d7fc7.html

- MLive – Michigan Officials Urge Testing of Medical Marijuana Vape Pens for Lead: <https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/04/michigan-officials-urge-testing-of-medical-marijuana-vape-pens-for-lead.html>
- Behavioral Healthcare Executive – New Jersey Medicaid Waives Prior Authorization Requirement for MAT: https://www.behavioral.net/article/new-jersey-medicaid-waives-prior-authorization-requirement-mat?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=71546441&hsenc=p2ANqtz--k4QG_41vCXTrcR3Gc4NIJLVHZBJA84-5flocDXhAAp_mIWUjEqF-AmvmF5NnvKADfe6rw8-widKCRXhSnUQvtrIQvFg&hsmi=71546441
- Below is a clip from the 4/29 Record-Eagle that features Marie Pierson, a member of our STAND Club at Kingsley High School

The Kiwanis Club of Traverse City named Kingsley High School senior Marie Pierson as Student of the Month for the week of March 19. Pierson is secretary of Student Council, involved with Volunteer Club and a member of STAND Club. She participates in varsity basketball,



Pierson

cross country, track and Big Buck Night. She received honors including third place on foreign language day for reading a book in Spanish, honor roll for four years and sociology student of the month. Pierson maintains a 3.8 GPA and plans to study psychology and play basketball at Spring Arbor University. She hopes to work as a parole officer.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

May 2 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 1st Thursday of each month*

May 9 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at TC High School. *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

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