

# Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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**GRAND VALLEY STATE  
UNIVERSITY &  
NORTHWESTERN  
MICHIGAN COLLEGE**  
Health Forum of Northern Michigan –  
Marijuana

**MARCH 20  
7:30AM-9:30AM**

Join GVSU & NMC as they discuss the implications to health care with the legalization of marijuana. The event will be held at the Hagerty Center and will go from 7:30-9:30am. For more information or to register, visit [www.gvsu.edu/vphealth/tchealthforum](http://www.gvsu.edu/vphealth/tchealthforum).

## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

This month I had the opportunity to represent the coalition at Traverse City West Senior High's Health Awareness Day. During the lunch hours, we had a table with information and resources at the health fair and was on the panel for the addiction presentation later in the day to discuss the dangers of opioids, alcohol, and other drugs. The panel also consisted of Lisa Anderson (Up North Prevention/CHS), Lyn Conlon (Well-Spring Psychiatry), Nancy Dow and Diane Goodyear (Families against Narcotics), Madelynn Johnson (student from TC West's STAND Club), Trooper Dave Prichard (Michigan State Police), and Matt Zerilli (The Porch). Over 500 students attended this presentation; it was a great opportunity to reach a large number of youth and share information!

Be well,

Lauren

## STAND UPDATES

The Traverse City West Senior High STAND Club raised about \$200 for STAND during their Drug Awareness basketball game in January; they would like to use this money to start a Student Assistant Program in their school. Two student representatives helped at the coalition's table at the health fair during the school's Health Awareness Day on February 20, where they helped to raise awareness and promote the STAND Club.

The Traverse City Central High School STAND Club is developing a vaping presentation that they will be using with middle school students.

Traverse City High School closed their "Smoke Hole" and are looking for smoking cessation products to assist students that are addicted to nicotine. If you are aware of any available free resources, please let me know.

The Kingsley STAND Club did a "Show the Love" event during Valentine's Day week, where students could nominate individuals that they observed being kind. At the end of the week, a couple submissions were drawn and gift cards were awarded.

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- 9&10 News – GTPulse: Traverse City Central High School Student Wins Statewide Traffic Safety Award: <https://www.9and10news.com/2020/02/06/gtpulse-traverse-city-central-high-school-student-wins-statewide-traffic-safety-award/pic/536934/>
- American Public Health Association – Addressing Alcohol Related Harms: A Population Level Response: <https://apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/public-health-policy-statements/policy-database/2020/01/14/addressing-alcohol-related-harms-a-population-level-response>
- EVERFI (webinar) – New Data on Vaping and Teen Drug Use: <https://everfi.com/insights/webinars/data-vaping-teen-drug-use/>
- 9&10 News: Traverse City Library Staff Helps Unresponsive Woman Found on Bathroom Floor: <https://www.9and10news.com/2020/02/24/traverse-city-library-staff-helps-unresponsive-woman-found-on-bathroom-floor/>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**March 5 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 12 4-5pm** – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City. \*Note – we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month\*

**March 20 7:30-9:30am** – GVSU & NMC's Health Forum of Northern Michigan (Legalized Marijuana – Implication in Health Care) at the Hagerty Center. <https://www.gvsu.edu/hfnorthernmich/>

**March 31 6-7:30pm** – Harm Reduction Michigan overdose prevention and response training at the Traverse Area District Library in the the Thirlby Room. \*Note – trainings occur on the last Tuesday of each month\*

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