

# Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

Our next coalition meeting will take place on Thursday, June 9 from 4-5pm via Zoom. Dr. Whalen and Dr. Nefcy from Munson Healthcare will be joining us to provide information and answer any questions you all may have regarding the results of the recent Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) investigation on Sixth Street Drugs, a Munson Healthcare subsidiary in Traverse City ([https://www.justice.gov/Usao-wdmi/pr/2022\\_0526\\_Sixth\\_Street](https://www.justice.gov/Usao-wdmi/pr/2022_0526_Sixth_Street)). Dr. Dave McGraham will be providing an update on the opioid settlement funds that Grand Traverse County will be receiving and Ken Kaufman will be providing an update on the Substance Free Coalition of Northwest Michigan's "Know Dangers" opioid use prevention campaign. Everyone is welcome and I hope that you are able to join us! The agenda will be sent out in an email early next week.

On May 4, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced \$55 million in funding for the latest iteration of its Tribal Opioid Response Grant Program. To view the full press release visit, [https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/20220504/hhs-announces-55m-funding-opportunity-tribal-opioid-response-grant?utm\\_source=SAMHSA&utm\\_campaign=3d7be71ca1-SAMHSA\\_Announcement\\_2022\\_05\\_04\\_1601095&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_ee1c4b138c-3d7be71ca1-168930066](https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/20220504/hhs-announces-55m-funding-opportunity-tribal-opioid-response-grant?utm_source=SAMHSA&utm_campaign=3d7be71ca1-SAMHSA_Announcement_2022_05_04_1601095&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ee1c4b138c-3d7be71ca1-168930066).

Western Michigan University School of Medicine's Medical Examiner and Forensic Services has released the 2021 county-specific and all-county annual reports for Deaths Related to Opioids and Other Drugs. You can view these reports by visiting <https://mimedicaexaminer.com/node/27>.

Be well,

Lauren

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Interlochen Public Library is hosting **LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY**, a book discussion series about recovery from addiction featuring a different book each session with a group discussion in the Interlochen Public Library Community Room. The next discussion will take place on **Thursday, June 16** from 6-7pm. This month's book is titled, *You'd be Home by Now* by Kathleen Glasgow. Books are free to the community but copies are limited so stop by the library soon to register and get your copy. Registration is not required to attend the discussions. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

The Traverse Area District Library (Woodmere location) will be hosting “**Community Conversations: Addiction & Recovery – Prevention and Youth Intervention**” on **Tuesday, June 21 at 6pm.** from 6:30-8pm. For more information visit, <https://events.tadl.org/event/community-conversations-addiction-recovery-series-prevention-youth-intervention>.

The Michigan Substance Use Prevention, Education, and Recovery (MiSUPER) will be hosting two upcoming webinars to provide a foundational overview on opioid misuse prevention, treatment options, and recovery support so rural community members and healthcare professionals can recognize signs of misuse, understand options for professional treatment, and support those in recovery. These 1-hour webinars will take place on Zoom on **June 22, 2022** and **August 31, 2022**, both from 12-1pm. Learn more and register here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/misuper/>.

## STAND

Our Students Together against Negative Decisions (STAND) Clubs are coming to an end for the 2021/2022 school year. The students did a lot of great work this year and we are excited to start up again in the fall!

Three of our STAND Club seniors received a \$1,000 scholarship for their great work and leadership as a STAND Club member throughout their high school career. The recipients were:

- **William Gaston** - Will is a senior at Traverse City West Senior High. He has been an active STAND Club member, member of Student Senate for three years, played varsity football, basketball, baseball, and track for 4 years. During his time as a STAND Club member, Will assisted in the STAND Drug Free basketball game, attended the STAND Youth Summit, volunteered with the coalition collecting toys at the Stuff a Blue Goose event, and planned a dodgeball fundraiser tournament with the proceeds going to a local substance use disorder (SUD) organization.
- **Erica McInnis** – Erica is a senior at Kingsley High School (KHS). She has been an active STAND Club member for three years, on the National Honor Society for two years, received the Citizenship Award for KHS for two years, and was on the Honor Roll all eight semesters. During her time as a STAND Club member, Erica planned the March Madness activities and assembly and helped with positive culture building at KHS. After graduation, Erica will be attending Northwester Michigan College for two years and place to eventually transfer and receive her elementary teaching degree.
- **Elizabeth Parker** – Elizabeth (Ella) is a senior at Kingsley High School. She has been an active STAND Club member for two years, on the National Honor Society for one year, received the Citizenship Award for KHS in 2019 and 2022, was on the Honor Roll from 2021-2022, received her academic letter, and was involved with the yearbook/web publishing for three years. During her time as a STAND Club member, Ella ran the student food pantry, Family Giveaway event, and Christmas Culture Building activities. After graduation, Ella will be attending Ferris State University to study elementary education.

## COLOR FOR HOPE

We have received a lot of community support so far and our Color for Hope fundraiser continues! These 18”x24” colorable posters come in four unique designs, two Traverse City and two Leelanau posters. The designs include businesses, landmarks, and scenery specific to these areas. The local artist, Susan Alexander, spent hours in the natural areas, businesses, and landmarks of Traverse City and Leelanau County areas to

capture the beautiful details. Susan Alexander lost her daughter to the disease of addiction. She is a passionate supporter of this cause and donated these posters as a way to further efforts to curb addiction and increase availability of resources related to education, prevention and treatment. All proceeds from the sale of these posters go to support SUD education, prevention, and treatment in our community.

The cost is \$15 for a set of two posters. The posters are currently available at both Oryana locations, ATS' The PORCH, The Red Dresser, Haberdashery, Premier Floral Design & Gift Emporium, Solitude Float and Wellness Spa, Peninsula Market, Anderson's Market, Leelanau Coffee Roasting Co., The Botanical Gardens, and the AREA Posters Facebook page. You can also email me directly and I can coordinate a pickup with you. Cash, credit cards, or checks, made payable to Catholic Human Services, are accepted.

We have collaborated with the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority for this project. They will be promoting and selling our posters for \$20; \$15 will be going towards our fundraiser and \$5 will go towards the Downtown Relief Fund. You can visit their website (<https://www.downtowntc.com/relief/>) to purchase or stop into Great Lakes Bath and Body or Spice and Tea Merchants.

We have raised over \$11,500 so far and have purchased Naloxone Safety Kits that have been installed at the Woodmere (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), East Bay, Peninsula, & Kingsley libraries, Living Hope Church, Salvation Army, the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court, the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, the Goodwill Inn, the Friendship Community Center, Central United Methodist Church, the Northwestern Michigan College Library, the BATA Bus transfer stations, and the Traverse City Airport.

## RESOURCES

- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file\\_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259\\_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf)
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you're feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_99557---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html)
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here is the link to the warmline: [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html). The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school:

[https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm\\_source=teeneblast&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=nf&utm\\_term=NPnp&utm\\_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020](https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020)

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- 9&10 News – Increasing Drug Overdoses Inspires Partnership Between Motel and Non Profit to Combat it: <https://www.9and10news.com/2022/05/31/increasing-drug-overdoses-inspires-partnership-between-motel-non-profit-to-combat-it/>
- 9&10 News – Mental Health Mission: Overcoming Substance Abuse Disorder with 217 Recovery: <https://www.9and10news.com/2022/05/16/mental-health-mission-overcoming-substance-abuse-disorder-with-217-recovery/>
- The Ticker – Local Leaders Grapple with Mental Health Challenges: <https://www.traverseticker.com/news/local-leaders-grapple-with-mental-health-challenges/>
- 9&10 News – Northern Michigan Mental Health Care in Short Supply, Community and Care-O-Van Drive to Meet Needs: <https://www.9and10news.com/2022/04/28/northern-michigan-mental-health-care-in-short-supply-community-and-care-o-van-driven-to-meet-needs/>
- The Alpena News – Deadlier Drug Makes Way to the Alpena Area: <https://www.thealpenanews.com/news/local-news/2022/04/deadlier-drug-makes-way-to-alpena-area/>
- 9&10 News – Traverse City Commissioners Pass Rec Weed, Allow for 24 Businesses: <https://www.9and10news.com/2022/05/16/traverse-city-commissioners-pass-rec-weed-allow-for-24-businesses/>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**June 2 6:30pm** – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum will be held in person at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City (face masks required) and can also be attended virtually on Zoom \*Note - this group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month\*

**June 9 4-5pm** – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting, held virtually – Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95640237687?pwd=aXNTNoc2QUJ6WGpaQ3h3Y215WmFxUT09> \*Note – we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month\*

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