



Grand Traverse County  
Drug Free Coalition

March 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
4-5pm

Hybrid

In person – Addiction Treatment Services’ The PORCH (1010 S. Garfield, Traverse City)

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TIME	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OWNER
4:00pm	SETTLE IN		Lauren Reed
	ATTENDANCE	Linda Solem, Nancy Dow, Jenn Campbell, David Freeman, Suzy Cline, Kip Belcher, Adam Newth, Lauren Reed (coordinator), Diane Goodyear, Christina Dean, Britt Feldhake, Timothy Hudson, Lou Gamalski, John Hetfield, Joanie Blamer	Linda Solem
4:10pm	QRT	<p>Jenn Campbell, the Police Social Worker Coordinator for the Traverse City Police Department, will talk about the Crisis Response Team (QRT) in Traverse City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A presentation on the Quick Response Team (QRT) by Jenn Campbell was given along with a slide presentation. For a copy of the slide presentation please contact Lauren Reed at <a href="mailto:gtcdrugfreecoalition@gmail.com">gtcdrugfreecoalition@gmail.com</a>.</li><li>• Jenn explained goals, objectives, and the organizational system of the QRT in Traverse City. Substance use disorder (SUD) is one of their foremost goals and by increasing naloxone accessibility they have increased</li></ul>	Jenn Campbell

		<p>prevention efforts in this area as well as having a QRT available at the time of overdose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have a huge prevention emphasis with the homeless population in stopping repeat behaviors and assisting with mental health issues as they occur. Their focus has three components including SUD, mental health, and homelessness. It is a voluntary program, and participants can leave at any time. To qualify for the program the participants must be located within the Traverse City city limits, but they do simple assists with wraparound services and county residents. They are looking for ways to intersect and build bridges with what is happening already.</li> <li>• There are primary partners with the goal of reducing law enforcement calls. The QRT has memorandum of understandings (MOU) with these partners and are held to high confidentiality levels. The secondary levels include partners that are service providers. QRT is looking to avoid “potholes” in wraparound services.</li> <li>• Overdose Response Teams and barriers participants encounter is a focus item. Follow-up for Traverse City has been 100%. However, they only have the OD Map data to measure outcomes and that is not always accurate.</li> <li>• She welcomes more partners, so reach out to her at: <a href="mailto:jcampbell@traversecitymi.gov">jcampbell@traversecitymi.gov</a></li> </ul>	
4:50pm	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GENERAL UPDATES</b>	<p><b>Addiction Treatment Services (ATS) Grief Support Group and Toiletry Drive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new grief group has started at ATS, meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 5-6:30pm from March-July.</li> <li>• ATS currently has an ongoing Toiletry Drive to help support those in recovery. You can drop off donations at ATS between 8am-5pm Monday through Friday.</li> </ul>	Nancy Dow

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5:00pm	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b><i>Next meetings: April 13, May 11, June 8</i></b>	Lauren Reed