



Grand Traverse County  
Drug Free Coalition

November 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
4-5pm

**Location:** Addiction Treatment Services' The PORCH (1010 S. Garfield, Traverse City)

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OWNER</b>
4:00pm	SETTLE IN	Dave McGreaham, David Freedman, Suzy Cline, Nancy Dow, Diane Goodyear, Kip Belcher, Misty Birgy, Britt Feldhake, Michelle Peterson, Linda Solem	Linda Solem
4:10pm	Drug Trends	<p>Current local and national drug trends</p> <p>Kip Belcher works for the Michigan State Police and oversees the narcotic teams in Northern Michigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counterfeit Pills are a rising concern, may contain meth and lethal amounts of fentanyl.</li><li>• If tablets are cracked, crumbly, have worn edges, or lack detail, they may be counterfeit.</li><li>• Oxycodone is the most common counterfeit tablet.</li><li>• The second most common counterfeit tablet is Xanax bars.</li><li>• Adderall is the third most common counterfeit pill.</li><li>• Of special note regarding trends, marijuana arrests and seizures have decreased in the past with a slight increase in 2022, most likely due to the legalization for both medical and recreational use. There is black-market</li></ul>	Kip Belcher

		<p>marijuana distribution and sales continue to be a concern in Michigan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narcotics related overdoses in Michigan increased 2019-2021. In 2022 there was an upward trend, but the first three months of 2023 is trending downward.</li> <li>• Most narcotics processed by MSP labs are polysubstance submissions meaning they have more than one substance in one submission which are accounting for new/novel drugs.</li> <li>• Xylazine, a non-controlled veterinary sedative is being added to heroin/fentanyl mixtures.</li> <li>• Medetomidine has been identified by MSP labs as being present with Xylazine and is only approved by the FDA for animal use. These substances are not responsive to Naloxone.</li> <li>• Meth continues to make its way across the southern border.</li> <li>• Included are slides for information in charts and graphs, such as opioid only deaths, drug trafficking routes, 7<sup>th</sup> District incidents, and incidents by County.</li> </ul>	
4:50pm	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GENERAL UPDATES</b>	<p>Stuff a Blue Goose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At PetSmart - benefitting Cherryland Humane Society, November 16th, 4-7pm</li> </ul> <p>Coffee with a Cop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At McDonald's on Front Street, 9:00am-10:30am</li> </ul> <p>Stuff a Blue Goose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stuff a Blue Goose at Target benefitting Single MOMM's, November 27th, 4-7pm</li> </ul> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detective Lieutenant Misty Birgy at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Email: <a href="mailto:Long-BirgyM@Michigan.gov">Long-BirgyM@Michigan.gov</a></li> <li>○ Cell: (231) 942-8980</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Suzy Cline</p> <p>Suzy Cline</p> <p>Linda Solem</p> <p>Lt Kip Belcher</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you would like her to visit your schools or to inquire about the school programs she has to offer students, feel free to contact her.</li></ul>	
5:00pm	ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>Happy holidays!</i></p> <p><i>Next meetings: January 11, February 8, March 14</i></p> <p><b>**THE COALITION DOES NOT MEET IN DECEMBER**</b></p>	