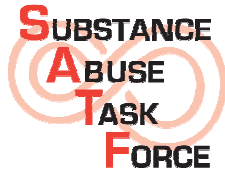


## BRANCH COUNTY



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### Minutes ~ 4.1.14

**Present for the meeting:** Keith Eichler, Joe Scheid, Sue Germann, Harold Sneath, Achilles Malta, Kim Hemker, Steve Johnson, Rod Olney, Breanne Harmon, Rebecca Stoll, Dave Wood, Rochelle Bassage, Courtney Dirschell

**Call to order** Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

**Introductions** Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes** Minutes were approved.

### **Old Business**

- A. General Public Outreach/Awareness -
  - ◆ Newsletter Articles - Multiple Drug Intoxications was in the paper recently. Future articles for April will center around Alcohol Awareness month and will include the Project Sticker Shock campaign and Parents Who Host campaign.
  - ◆ Presentations/Campaigns - The Bronson Expo was attended and 30 families stopped by the table. Seven people signed up to be a Partner in Prevention. Project Sticker Shock will be held April 19 and so far 2 retailers have indicated participating: Family Fare and Country Cove Store. Parents Who Host, Lose the Most is our next major campaign focusing on the consequences to the parents who host a party involving alcohol and minors. Yard signs have been purchased along with window clings, posters, and pledge cards. Some yard signs and posters were passed out at the meeting.
  
- B. Meth Container: 1 clean up last month
  
- C. Med Box: March- We collected 72 lbs! The most ever.
  
- D. Website Stats: No stats reported

## New Business

### A. Review of Executive Committee Recommendations:

1. Revised Mission Statement - It was motioned by Rod and seconded by Joe that the Mission Statement be revised to read:  
“SATF's mission is to protect the health and well-being of Branch County residents through a strategic community partnership, working together, to eliminate the misuse and abuse of all drugs - including alcohol, tobacco, and prescription or over-the-counter medications - with an emphasis on youth prevention.”
2. Recognition Awards - The committee discussed the name of the awards each year and decided on the Perhson Awards in memory of former Chair, Brett Pehson. Motion by Harold, Support by Kim. The following businesses/individuals will be given the first annual Pehrson awards on May 6, 2014:
  - i. Macy Muncy - for her design of the Substance Abuse Task Force logo. Motion to accept the nomination by Joe, Support by Rebecca.
  - ii. Phil's Driving School - for their participation in the upcoming Project DRIVE (Drive Responsibly in Vehicles Everyday) initiated by SADD members to increase awareness of risky driving situations for all newly licensed youth. Motion to accept the nomination by Achilles, Support by Joe.
  - iii. Country Cove Store - for early willingness to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Project Sticker Shock campaign intended to warn adults of the consequences of purchasing alcohol for minors. Motion to accept the nomination by Joe, Support by Steve.
  - iv. Family Fare - for early willingness to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Project Sticker Shock campaign intended to warn adults of the consequences of purchasing alcohol for minors. Motion to accept the nomination by Kim, Support by Achilles.
  - v. Dave Brown - for his continuous work providing ministry in the county jail to inmates in support of their recovery. Motion to accept the nomination by Rod, Support by Kim.
3. Underage Drinking Town Hall Event - We have been contacted by CSAP to host a town hall event on underage drinking with reimbursement to do so up to \$500. It was discussed that the event should be “fun” in order to attract people, and perhaps be

in conjunction with another event already being held such as Relay for Life. A town hall event was approved pending the willingness of the Relay for Life to allow such an event at the same time as their event, and the cost of an entertaining presentation.

- B. Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) - Achilles gave a formal presentation to the committee members on the ROSC philosophy pointing out that a person with a substance abuse disorder doesn't just have issues with substance abuse - there are also legal, housing, employment, health, transportation and family issues. It is important for communities to bring these various resources together to form an interconnected network to address the whole aspect of substance use rather than just the treatment aspect of it. Partnerships exist already, but should be formalized and access points (with eligibility) clearly understood throughout the community for timely connectivity. A template was provided from a county similar to ours.

### **Announcements**

- Kim gave information about the upcoming Walk A Mile Event. (There will be an SATF booth available at the event)
- Rochelle handed out recent stats on the county health ranking. Out of a rank of 82 (82 being the lowest), Branch County ranks 62 in Quality of Life and 69 in clinical care. We are above the state average in adult obesity, physical inactivity, teen births, children in poverty, individuals uninsured, and we have a lower than state average in the number of health professionals available per person.
- Joe updated everyone on the construction sites in town that will affect traffic including the area around the Kerr building and behind Tailgators. On a positive note, the Rec Center has just released a number of new recreational events that will occur this summer.
- There will be a meeting tomorrow at CHC to discuss the needs assessment conducted by the hospital.

### **Next Meeting**

May 6, 2014 AT 9AM. in the Council Chambers

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.