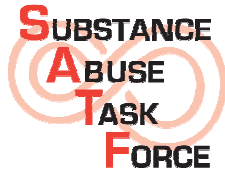


## BRANCH COUNTY



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### Minutes ~ 5.6.14

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

**Guests:** Macy Muncy, Mrs. Muncy, Country Cove owners, Phil's Driving School owners, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown, Lori Pehrson

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

**Introductions** Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rebecca and seconded by Joe. Minutes were approved.

**Presentation of Pehrson Awards** The first annual Pehrson Awards were presented to Macy Muncy for the design of the SATF logo, to Country Cove and Family Fare for early participation in the Project Sticker Shock campaign, to Dave Brown for his continued work with inmates toward recovery, and to Phil's Driving School for participating in the upcoming Project DRIVE.

### **Old Business**

#### A. General Public Outreach/Awareness -

- ◆ Newsletter Articles - In April, the newspaper ran April is Alcohol Awareness month. Because the Underage Drinking campaign is continuing, the month of May will also be devoted to alcohol related articles including a Q & A about alcohol, and promotional pieces on Parents Who Host campaign.
- ◆ Presentations/Campaigns - **Project Sticker Shock** stats were presented: 702 stickers passed out in 3 stores; 9 window clings hung; 10 volunteers participated; 3 posters were provided to all of the stores.

**Parents Who Host, Lose the Most** campaign is in full force. The goal is to distribute at least 80 yard signs throughout the

county in addition to collecting no host pledges, and providing window clings/posters. Each BATA bus has a window cling. Campaign will go into the month of June.

**Walk a Mile Prevention booth** was well attended and Franklin HS students assisted in staffing the booth.

- ◆ Town Hall Event - still not sure whether we will be able to piggyback on Relay for Life, and Mylesproject out of Battle Creek has gone missing in action, but Breaking Grey (Ft. Wayne) has agreed to provide a speaker/entertainment for this kind of even within the allowed budget if we can get it worked out. Sue will continue to work with the Relay for Life Committee and coordinate with Breaking Grey to see if this is an option.

B. Meth Container: Nothing in the past month. A new plan for meth response is being created, however.

C. Med Box: April - 52 lbs. The National Take Back for Branch County brought in 2.7 lbs.

D. Website Stats: Still working on obtaining stats from new site. As for the old site, 460 hits went to the website. As of today (5/6/14), the old web site will transfer traffic to the new site.

### New Business

A. Summer Prevention - Smart Summer is being planned for the summer campaign (series of 6 messages via email, website and facebook. Also looking at a summer educational program - perhaps a new one sponsored by Pines, or prevention curricula folded into the Summer Parks Program. Kim suggested looking into the GIRLZ program (meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.)

B. Suicide Prevention Training - the task force deliberated and decided that the best time to have this training is separate from the committee. Sue will do an "email wizard" to see when is the best time to meet.

### Announcements

The Walk a Mile event raised over \$25,000 this year.

The Out of the Darkness suicide walk is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> this year  
MSP is *not* moving to Marshall

The Child Welfare Department (state dept) has started a new computer program last month which has lengthened the wait for those calling the Central Call number to report abuse/neglect. This should be resolved in the near future.

**Next Meeting**

June 3, 2014 AT 9AM. in the Council Chambers

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.