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MEETING TITLE: Alliance for Marijuana Prevention

DATE & TIME: October 20, 2017; 9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

RECORDED BY: Rachel McCoy (Health Project)

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Vanderkooi (LRE), Jason Carlson (MDOC), Sara De La Rosa (M&RS), Rob Rogers (FHS), Autumn Gillard (Trinity Health), Jim Peterson & Mike Weaver (Muskegon Twp. PD), Laura Fitzpatrick (Health Project), Tim Bahorski (Muskegon P.D.), Brandon Poel (NSPD), Jon DeMol (Public Health), Roger Squires (WHPD), Jill Keast (Public Health)

<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Introductions were made at 9:10am Minutes from September were presented and approved.</p>
<p>MPA Meeting Update</p>	<p>Stephanie stated that Battleship Strategies, from Ohio were hired to put \$8 million dollars into Marijuana legislature. Their failure was with Ohio. 73% of people are in favor of recreational marijuana. We need to start thinking about what efforts we can make if the bill does pass. California police have discussed about the increase of homelessness and property.</p> <p>Autumn Gillard, Assistant to the Advocacy Director for Trinity Health, stated that Medical marijuana dispensaries can have a license like a alcohol license. You can stack licenses – example 12 per parking lot. The black market is not considered. They do not have a debit card system, it is just cash. Medical Marijuana is through LARA and they haven’t set up a tax structure. May be a free for all until they monopolize the market like tobacco.</p> <p>The bill does not address property. Example - If you are renting property and own it, then you need to have checks because then you are liable for any crimes committed. It is still illegal from the federal level.</p>
<p>Local and State Policy Update</p>	<p>Laura Fitzpatrick stated that Cyndi Larson, Executive Director at Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, has received 17 signatures from employers against recreational marijuana. Muskegon Heights has allowed just the production site and they think that they will receive \$5,000 per license plus \$2,000. The Chamber would like to release the letter. The Chamber of Board of Director's would like an assessment from the government affairs committee. AMP should do a statement to be at the city council meeting.</p> <p>Each city council can set up their own ordinance. Norton Shores voted against it. Laura is willing to put a group together to work on messaging.</p> <p>Stephanie mentioned that the Michigan Prevention Association (MPA)'s document touches on both marijuana proposals. MPA looking to put together talking points from the state level. (Attached) National group called, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), to help work with others to come up with a</p>



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	<p>counter approach. They created a poll. They need to wait to see what proposal goes through. They have a lobbyist that they have to do this. Local groups need to sign on as an agency "are against legalization of marijuana". Resolution, the board adopted in February. They are asking every coalition to sign on to this, along with DFC (every coalition), and board of commissioners. Resolution is localized based on data. You can edit resolution based on our jurisdiction. Contact Stephanie and CC Laura and Rachel with signed resolution. Laura to take it directly to the board.</p> <p>Group To-Do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read resolution – let Stephanie know if anything needs to be changed.• Bring to your place of work if they would like it to be signed.• Send it back to Laura and Rachel and Stephanie• Bring to the DFC Coalition to sign on• Two ballet proposals and talking points – let her know about edits• Talk to local county commissioners at having resolution passed in our county (Allegan and Ottawa have already signed)• If you are able to be at county commissioners meeting, bring up facts that we have discussed. <p>Public opinion survey – would legalization of marijuana lead to more underage use – Attached document.</p> <p>Laura stated that AMP will be implementing another business survey. Employers have stated that they will be upset if there is a local dispensary built next to their business. More questions will be added to survey such as, how will these dispensaries or growers impact the look on our community? Next two weeks need to get survey out.</p> <p>Schools could support resolution. Virtual press conference possibility. What is trinity health stand – St. Joseph Mercy is doing something similar.</p> <p>Orchard View high school on April 20th and will be in collaboration with Ride with Pride.</p> <p>October 3rd event was held at Muskegon Community College. Facethebook broadcasted it on their Facebook Live page. YouTube had technical difficulties. We are hoping to have a polished product to promote to the schools. YouTube link will be available afterwards. We are looking for more panelists to touch on marijuana and alcohol. Panelists may be national or local speakers.</p> <p>Schools perspective – 12:30pm was during lunch. Rob Rogers from Fruitport sent students and parents to the event in person instead of suspension.</p>
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Other Good and Welfare	<p>Having a recording will utilize, including athletic director and health teachers. The interest is there but how do we execute it to schools. Committee to invite Rob Rogers to sub-committee meetings. Our goal is to keep that buzz in community and record the video, but to not have the schools watch the video months from now.</p> <p>Stephanie would like to suggest expanding the meeting from 9am to 10:30am</p> <p>MAMDP Take Back The next medication take back event will be held Saturday, October 28th from 9am to 1pm at the Muskegon Fire Department on Terrace St.</p>
Next Meeting	Friday, November 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Baker College – The Meeting Place