

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING TITLE: Alliance for Marijuana Prevention

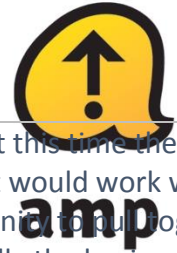
DATE & TIME: January 19, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

RECORDED BY: Rachel McCoy (Health Project)

ATTENDEES: Roger Squires (WHPD), Joel Engel (Behavioral Health), Chad Wilson (Muskegon PD), TPR. Martin Miller (MSP), Jon DeMol (Public Health), DJ Hilson (Prosecutor), Laura Fitzpatrick (Health Project)

<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Introductions were made at 9:10am Minutes from October were presented and approved.</p>
<p>Sub Committee Update</p>	<p>Health Project staff reported on the logistics of the next Shattering the Myths Event. It was confirmed that the event will be held on April 20th at Orchard View High School. Principal Dan Bolhuis will be assisting the committee with promotions and logistics. The committee will be meeting later in December to further plan the event with MAISD.</p>
<p>Local and State Policy Update</p>	<p>Prosecutor DJ Hilson reported that a prosecutor in Mason County informed DJ of a snapchat video of a high school student "dabbing". The student later died in a car accident that day due to driving while impaired. DJ would like to utilize that story for the event, and have the parents part-take in the panel discussion.</p> <p>DJ reported that the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan's (PAAM) board took a vote to take a strong stand against marijuana. A subcommittee was formed which DJ was on. An official stance has been taken from other committees in Michigan such as the Chiefs of Police Association, Michigan Sheriffs Association, etc. There was no stance taken by law enforcement committees when the marijuana bill was first pushed. DJ is hoping that Blaine Coops, Sheriffs Association of Michigan, and Chief Squiers will take a stance against the bill. DJ hopes to rally these agencies to fight these bills together.</p>
<p>Muskegon City Commissioners Meeting</p>	<p>Health Project staff talked about the ongoing efforts to dissuade local units of governments from allowing medical marijuana processing centers and dispensaries in their communities. Members have worked with the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, who were able to rally key business leaders to draft a position letter stating that Muskegon businesses and employees are significantly impacted from substance abuse and they do not support medical marijuana facilities in Muskegon. Community leaders including Chamber President Cindy Larson and several key business and coalition leaders urged the city to delay approval until additional information was gathered.</p>

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<p>Marijuana Business Survey</p>	<p>Laura discussed the interest in doing another business survey. At this time the Chamber of Commerce was hesitant to send it due to timing, but would work with AMP on business contacts. Members also discussed the opportunity to put together a business round table committee could be created to further rally the business community.</p>
<p>MJ Resolution of Support</p>	<p>The Chamber will also be sending out the resolution of support to their business leaders. DFC offered to go to other committees to speak. The resolution was passed at the Public Health Advisory Committee and will be sent to the County of Commissioners on Dec 5th to vote.</p>
<p>Other Good & Welfare</p>	<p>City of Muskegon has one Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), who is not used as much as he could be. John Workman discussed opportunities to assistance with monitoring his employees to determine if there is an substance abuse issue. Business owners want to keep their employees, but are finding it hard to do so based on the number of employees who are under the influence and who fail a drug test.</p>
<p>Other Good and Welfare</p>	<p><u>To-Do</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJ will find out if this could be a consulting opportunity to train businesses or to have the DRE do the evaluation/testing. • DJ stated to bring up to the COP Board meeting for discussion. <p>The Michigan State Police has announced five counties where a roadside drug testing pilot program will begin on Nov. 8th. http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/11/kent_washtenaw_among_5_countie.html</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, January 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Baker College – The Meeting Place</p>