

# Grand Traverse County

## Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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### A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

Our next coalition meeting is on Thursday, June 10 from 4-5pm via Zoom. Jodie Balhorn and Sara Sircely, from the Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE), and Lisa Anderson, from Up North Prevention, a Catholic Human Services initiative, will be presenting at the meeting. Everyone is welcome and I hope that you are able to join us! The agenda will be sent out in an email early next week.

The Michigan Opioids Task Force and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) have released the 2020 annual report that highlights the state's efforts to respond to the opioid crisis.

[file:///C:/Users/CHS/Downloads/Michigan-Opioids-Task-Force-Report\\_725228\\_7.pdf](file:///C:/Users/CHS/Downloads/Michigan-Opioids-Task-Force-Report_725228_7.pdf)

The Office of the Medical Examiner in the Department of Pathology at WMed has released the Deaths Related to Opioids and Other Drugs - Grand Traverse County 2020 Annual Report. To view the full report, click on this link: <file:///C:/Users/CHS/Downloads/Grand%20Traverse%20Annual%20DROOD%20Report%202020.pdf>.

Be well,

Lauren

### COLOR FOR HOPE

We have received a lot of community support so far and our Color for Hope fundraiser continues! These 18"x24" colorable posters come in four unique designs, two Traverse City and two Leelanau posters. The designs include businesses, landmarks, and scenery specific to these areas. The local artist, Susan Alexander, spent hours in the natural areas, businesses, and landmarks of Traverse City and Leelanau County areas to capture the beautiful details. Susan Alexander lost her daughter to the disease of addiction. She is a passionate supporter of this cause and donated these posters as a way to further efforts to curb addiction and increase availability of resources related to education, prevention and treatment. All proceeds from the sale of these posters go to support SUD education, prevention, and treatment in our community.

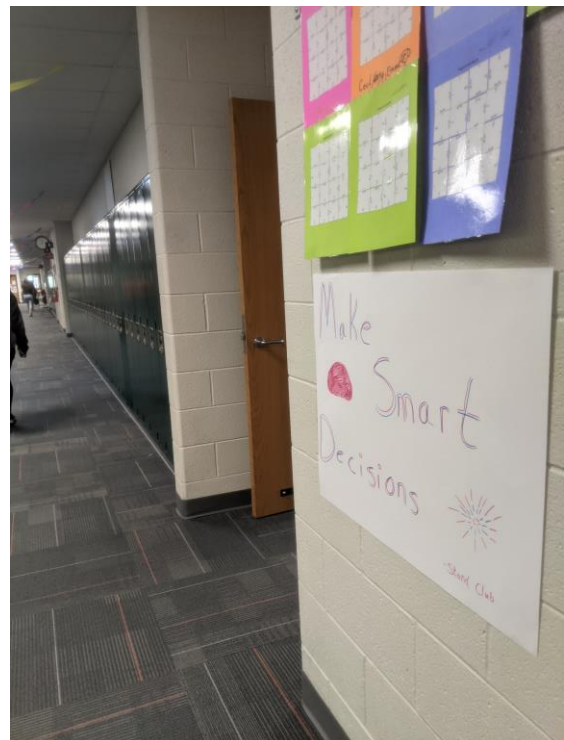
The cost is \$15 for a set of two posters. The posters are currently available at both Oryana locations, ATS' The PORCH, The Red Dresser, Haberdashery, Premier Floral Design & Gift Emporium, Solitude Float and Wellness Spa, Peninsula Market, The Botanical Gardens, and the AREA Posters Facebook page. You can also email me directly and I can coordinate a pickup with you. Cash, credit cards, or checks, made payable to Catholic Human Services, are accepted.

We have collaborated with the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority for this project. They will be promoting and selling our posters for \$20; \$15 will be going towards our fundraiser and \$5 will go towards the Downtown Relief Fund. You can visit their website (<https://www.downtowntc.com/relief/>) to purchase or stop into Great Lakes Bath and Body or Spice and Tea Merchants.

We have raised just over \$5,000 so far and have purchased Naloxboxes that have been installed at the Woodmere (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), East Bay, Peninsula, and Kingsley libraries as well as at Living Hope Church.

## STUDENTS TOGETHER AGAINST NEGATIVE DECISIONS (STAND)

The Kingsley STAND students decorated the hallways with posters and signs with positive messaging as a sendoff for the seniors.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Up North Prevention has upcoming virtual Naloxone trainings that are free of charge. To view the full list of trainings, more details, and to register go to <https://upnorthprevention.org/events/>.

Dell Medical School in collaboration with the National Academy of Medicine and Shatterproof is organizing the Stigma of Addiction Summit on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-6pm. This free virtual summit will be dedicated to understanding, addressing, and eliminating the harmful impacts of stigma on people who use. Register at <https://nam.edu/event/stigma-of-addiction-summit/>.

## RESOURCES

- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file\\_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259\\_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf)
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you're feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_99557---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html)
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here is the link to the warmline: [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html). The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school: [https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm\\_source=teeneblast&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=nf&utm\\_term=NPnp&utm\\_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020](https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020)

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- 9&10 News – Two Traverse City Teens Received Awards from Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Board: <https://www.9and10news.com/2021/05/27/two-traverse-city-teens-received-awards-from-governors-traffic-safety-advisory-board/>
- Fox17 – MDHHS, MVAA Work With EMS to Provide Veteran-Centric Resources: <https://www.fox17online.com/news/local-news/mdhhs-mvaa-work-with-ems-to-provide-veteran-centric-resources#:~:text=%E2%80%94The%20Michigan%20Department%20of%20Health,honor%20of%20Military%20Appreciation%20Month>
- 9&10 News – Traverse City Continues Work on Marijuana Ordinance; Retailers Struggle: <https://www.9and10news.com/2021/05/20/traverse-city-continues-work-on-marijuana-ordinance-retailers-struggle/>

- Fox2 Detroit – Former Drug Dealer Now Sworn in as Attorney before Same Judge Who Challenged Him to Change His Life: <https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/former-drug-dealer-now-sworn-in-as-attorney-before-same-judge-who-challenged-him-to-change-his-life>

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

**June 3 6:00pm** – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum will be held **IN-PERSON** at F&M Park

\*Note - this group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month\*

**June 10 4-5pm** – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting, held virtually – Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95640237687?pwd=aXNTNoc2QUJ6WGpaQ3h3Y215WmFxUTo9> \*Note – we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

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