Schedule of Meetings

**Wednesday, June 11 -- 2:00pm Red Ribbon Planning Meeting**
United Way, 1701 Tamiami Trail West (14th Street W), Bradenton

**Wednesday, June 11 -- 3:00 pm, Coalition Meeting followed by Marijuana Task Force Meeting**
United Way, 1701 Tamiami Trail West (14th Street W), Bradenton

**Thursday, June 12 -- 9:00 am, Alcohol Task Force Meeting**
3rd floor Conference Room, Manatee Government Admin Center
1112 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Tuesday, June 24 -- 10:00 am, Rx Drug Task Force Meeting**
LECOM, 5000 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton

**Wednesday, August 6 -- 2:00pm Board Meeting**
3rd Floor Conference Room, Manatee Government Center

**Thursday, August 7 -- 9 am, Alcohol Task Force Meeting**
3rd Floor Conference Room 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**Wednesday, August 13 -- 3-4:30pm, Coalition Meeting**
United Way, 1701 Tamiami Trail West (14th Street W), Bradenton

**Wednesday, August 13 -- 4:30pm, Marijuana Task Force**
United Way, 1701 Tamiami Trail West (14th Street W), Bradenton

**Tuesday, August 17 -- 10:00am, VetCorps Meeting**
3rd Floor Conference Room, Government Admin Center

**Tuesday, August 26, 10 am -- 10:00am, Rx Drug Task Force**
LECOM, 5000 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton
New Board Member

Javier M. Córdova

New Manatee County resident and MCSAC Board member Javier M. Córdova retired from a distinguished career that spans three decades and three U.S. Presidential administrations. As a Senior Policy and Programs Analyst for the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (DoS/INL), he provided technical expertise to multiple international and national agencies, including Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), in formulating and implementing drug policy and best practice programs for the reduction of drug use and crime.

As Senior Policy Analyst for the White House, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Office of Demand Reduction, he promoted and implemented a balanced approach to reduce illicit drug use and its consequences in the United States. He was a supporter of Drug Courts, specifically in the State of Florida.

Mr. Córdova also served as a Public Health Advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA).

His technical expertise in drug prevention, intervention, and treatment has served to guide and support States, local governments, and institutions working in reducing drug use, nationally and internationally. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his performance and contribution to the President’s National Drug Control Strategy.

He received a Masters Degree in Public Administration (MPA), from The American University, Washington, D.C., including numerous government training. He has served as a public speaker at various universities in the Western Hemisphere.

Announcement

Dr. Jessica Spencer is on sabbatical from MCSAC - June to November, 2014 as she becomes the Statewide Coalition Director for the 'No on Amendment 2' campaign. You can email her at Jessica@voteno2.org.

You can also follow the campaign:

@saynoamendment2

No on Amendment 2

MCYC Chairperson Ella Biggins will be a student intern this summer working on MCYC recruitment and social media.
Save Our Society’s Response to Low THC Bill

We understand the pressure the legislature was under to get something passed and although the majority of the bill looks good on paper we are concerned about several areas that could be exploited. We are happy to see that our proposal to expand legitimate clinical trials was included in the legislation as we believe this option is not only the safest but also the most expeditious way to provide kids with severe seizure disorders treatment utilizing CBD.

Good points of the legislation include:
- Must be a permanent resident of the state
- Will not allow smoked marijuana as a medicine
- For minors, will require two recommendations
- Requires physician and dispenser education courses
- Sets up an office of compassionate use that may enhance access to investigational new drugs for Florida patients through approved clinical treatment plans or studies.
- Limits cultivation/dispensary to 5 in the state.
- Requires background checks for employees
- Requires physicians to place order with dispensary and patient can only pick up what is ordered
- Requires the dispensary organization applicant to possess a valid certificate of registration issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services issued for the cultivation of more than 400,000 plants and to have been a registered nursery in the state for at least 30 continuous years.

Bad points of legislation:
- Our understanding was that the original intent of the bill was to increase access of CBD to a limited number of kids who suffer from seizure disorders. This legislation opens it up to all ages and adds cancer and medical conditions that produce severe and persistent muscle spasms. Would a physician treating someone for non-malignant skin cancer be able to place an order for his/her patient? What about someone who has persistent leg cramps?
- Allows for vaporizing which is still a harmful method of administration.
- Although the bill limits the dispensary organizations to registered nurseries operating in the state for at least 30 continuous years, there is nothing to prevent out of state operators from coming into Florida and creating a partnership with an existing qualified entities.
- The bill fails to define what measures will be taken to ensure that all of the marijuana produced and sold will adhere to the required levels of THC and CBD and other quality control issues.

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

by Wendy Nebrija, MPH

I am the Manatee County Youth Commission (MCYC) summer intern. In addition to helping with MCYC social media, I will be focused on recruiting high school students for next year. MCYC is county-wide. Any high school student (grades 9-11) who wants to create a teen-friendly community and is interested in learning more about Manatee County should apply.

Why join the Youth Commission?
- Have fun while earning meaningful community service hours!
- Help address youth selected priorities: teen pregnancy, substance abuse, bullying and school district policies and practices!
- Gain leadership skills and opportunities to serve your community!
- Influence policy decisions that impact children and teens in Manatee County!
- Qualify for a possible $1,000 scholarship and paid summer internship!
- Learn about Manatee County Government and meet community leaders!

Go to the Manatee County Youth Commission website, download an application, complete and submit to address on form or
What is SBIRT?
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based approach to identify persons at risk for alcohol and other substance use disorders (SUD). SBIRT helps people recognize unhealthy patterns and motivates them to change. It can save lives, jobs and money. It also reduces the negative impact of SUD on families and society. SBIRT is often conducted in primary care clinics, emergency departments, and college health programs.

SBIRT involves:
- **Screening** to determine the severity of substance use. Patients are given a 1-3 question self-survey (e.g., NIDA Quick Screen). Those who screen positive complete a longer survey (e.g., ASSIST). There are separate screening tools for adults and adolescents. Spanish versions are also available.
- **Brief intervention** that builds motivation (e.g., brief negotiated interview).
- **Referral to treatment** that directly links patients with appropriate services (e.g., through a "warm hand-off" or ART).

According to Massachusetts SBIRT, most patients (75-85%) will screen negative. Completing a 3-question survey takes 1-2 minutes. For the remaining 15-25% of patients, the full screen and brief intervention takes 5-20 minutes. Special CPT codes allow providers to bill private insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Who endorses it? SBIRT is recommended by many organizations including the American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatricians, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, Veterans Administration, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Institute of Medicine.

Is it cost-effective?
Yes, SBIRT:
- Reduces healthcare costs, decreases the frequency and severity of drug and alcohol use, reduces the risk of trauma, and increases the percentage of patients who enter treatment.
- Results in 20% fewer ER visits, 33% fewer nonfatal injuries, 37% fewer hospitalizations, 46% fewer arrests and 50% fewer motor vehicle crashes.
- Saves $4.30 in future healthcare costs for every dollar invested.

Congratulations Ella!
MCYC Chairperson Ella Biggins was recently named Youth of the Year by the Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County. She provides leadership for the teen pregnancy prevention committee. May was National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.
Way to go, Ella!

Congratulations Wendy!
Rx Drug Chairperson Wendy Nebrija was selected by the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce as the 2014 Adult Volunteer Champion of Healthcare.
MCSAC APPRECIATES WENDY’S SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM!!
Alcohol Task Force
by Jennifer Venuto

The Party Patrol made its presence known and felt during the month of May. Proms and graduation parties were on the radar to ensure a safe end-of-school year for Manatee youth. Funded by the STOP grant, (STOP Underage Drinking Initiative), The Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition (MCSAC) has an active Substance Abuse Coalition Task Force (SACTAF) that includes deputies from the Manatee County Sheriff’s Department and officers from Bradenton and Palmetto Police Departments, all of them assigned as SROs at Manatee schools. As Student Resource Officers (SROs) they receive tips and leads from youth and adults about parties and gatherings that have the potential for underage drinking.

In May, the Task Force members patrolled multiple areas of the County. They responded to two tips and tried responding to two dispatched calls. One tip led them to a party of approximately 100 teens at the location. The party was dispersed and most of the teens had fled the area prior to the Task Force member’s arrival. A second party of approximately 30 teens had the same outcome. As a result, a recommendation was made from the Task Force that stated, "Prior to the next operation an email will be sent out to encourage Patrol Deputies to not disperse the parties before task force members can arrive on scene." At the same time, feedback from students indicates awareness of the increase in patrol operations acting as a deterrent to such parties. Patrols will continue through the summer.

One of the goals of the Party Patrols is to increase operations and interventions through SACTAF and other jurisdiction enforcement operations in conjunction with SAFE counseling and other provider intervention programs for identified youth in lieu of adjudication. Referrals to appropriate levels of treatment and/or education are the driving force for the party patrols, not criminalizing the youth. Education and safety for the youth and the community are paramount to the goals of the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition and the Alcohol Task Force (ATF).

The ATF and has been convening monthly since October 2012 and

VetCorps Update
by Patti Durham

May was a busy, yet productive month for VetCorps. After the Landlord Lunch and Learn, VetCorps was invited to present on affordable rental properties for veterans to the landlords and investors club at the Bradenton Yacht Club. This information resulted in a landlord offering a rental property to a veteran the following day. Additionally, VetCorps received subsequent invitations to present to the Manatee and Sarasota County Landlord Associations. Assisting VetCorps in the outreach effort were our partners, Goodwill Manasota, Turning Points, and Jewish Family & Children’s Services.

This year the Bradenton Yacht Club hosted Healing Waters, a nonprofit organization honoring our nation’s disabled veterans. Thirty fishing boats and 60 volunteers took wounded military and disabled veterans fly fishing. Following the fishing experience, lunch was served with a ceremony recognizing all attending veterans. Because of the overwhelming success of the event and interest generated, a Manatee County Healing Waters program has been initiated and will host monthly events for local veterans.

May 19-22 I attended the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) Pre-Service Orientation. President Kennedy’s dream to launch a “War on Poverty” began with 20 VISTA’s in 1963. Currently, Vista numbers exceed
continues to expand outreach to target public schools with evidence-based curriculum targeting parents provided by partner agencies that aligns with MCSAC's **Parents Who Host Lose the Most** campaign. Additionally, the STOP Underage Drinking Initiative incorporates a developmentally sensitive approach that recognized the complex social and cultural systems that influence teens.

8000 and essential antipoverty programs such as Head Start have served the needs of the poorest Americans. VetCorps is proud to be included in this esteemed group whose ultimate goal is to serve their fellow man.