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FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING

MENOMINEE, MI – The M&M Area Community Foundation (MMACF), with the support and encouragement of the Marinette County Tavern League, is extending an invitation to community members across Marinette and Menominee Counties to join with them in the Safeguarding Our Communities program training taking place from 8:30 – 9:30am on Sunday, August 15th. It provides an overview of opioids, suggests actions to address problems, demonstrates how to administer Narcan and highlights the Syringe Service Programs run by local Public Health departments. Those attending this training will be eligible to receive a free \$40 Personal Medication Lock Box, Opioid Emergency Kit and Safe Sharps Disposal Containers from the Community Foundation.

The in-person training will take place at Fully Charged Pub and Bar, 2112 Hall Avenue, Marinette (breakfast will be available, compliments of the MMACF). Or, people may participate remotely/virtually via the Community Foundation's GoToMeeting account. Those who are interested in attending, either in-person or virtually, must register with the Community Foundation. Participation is cost-free.

In November of 2020, in response to local concerns, the MMACF applied for and received a \$60,000 Harm Reduction Project grant. The funding was provided by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in collaboration with Vital Strategies, a global public health organization.

"This is our community and we all have a responsibility to help however we can," said Brigitte Buyarski, Marinette County Tavern League President. "Opioid addiction and overdose affects us all, so we all must work together to tackle this problem," she concluded.

To register for the training, community members must contact the Community Foundation at 906-864-3599 or paula.gruszynski@mmacf.org.

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