



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019

In Attendance: *Gretchen Behimer, William Bockhorst, Beth Bullock, Joy Ethridge, Alicia Fine, Tina Fischer, Diane Flowers, Amy Foley, Beth Hamad, Ed Humphrey, Janice Jones, Cathy Krieg, Angela Livesay, David Painter, Amanda Penkova, Sharon Richmond, Tyra Scherer, Jeff Sellars, Tracie Sellars, Sean Smith, Bill Stearns, Kimberleigh Szaz, Lori Watkins, Lee Ann Watson, Kathleen Williams, Jerry Wittmeyer, Mike Lynch, Kristy Oyer, Terry Rook, Derek Jordan*

- I. **Introduction and Review of Minutes** – *Lee Ann Watson and Jeff Sellars, OTF Co-Chairs*
 - a. All in attendance reviewed the minutes from March 2019, and the minutes were amended to correct a spelling error.

- II. **New Treatment Options in Clermont County**
 - a. **Milford Treatment Services** (A Pinnacle Treatment Center Network); Amanda Penkova, Executive Director – Milford Treatment Services is scheduled to open in May 2019 and will provide outpatient treatment services and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Their evidence-based treatment includes individual, group, and family therapy, educational classes, and on site MAT. Patients in the MAT program are evaluated regularly by a physician to ensure medication stability. The doctor assesses the appropriate medication to provide each patient, which could include methadone, buprenorphine, or Vivitrol. All Ohio Medicaid plans are accepted. Contact Amanda or visit their website for more information: <https://pinnacle-treatment.com/>.
 - b. **Sunrise Treatment Center**; Sean Smith, Clinical Director – Milford – Sunrise Treatment Center is a substance abuse treatment program focusing primarily on opioid use disorders. There are locations in Cincinnati, Forest Park, Middletown, Dayton, and Milford. Sunrise provides treatment for opioid use disorders through outpatient medication assisted treatment. Services include individual counseling, group counseling, mental health services, onsite medication dispensing, case management, and crisis intervention. Sunrise opened their Milford location in March 2019 and began providing services to the clients previously served in the same space by Northland. Sunrise accepts self pay, Medicaid, Medicare (limited), and some commercial plans. Contact Sean or visit their website for more information: <https://www.sunrisetreatmentcenter.net/>.

- c. **BrightView;** Joy Ethridge, Community Outreach Manager – BrightView’s Batavia Center opened in 2017 and offers evidence-based, outpatient addiction treatment programs. Services include MAT, individual therapy, group therapy, social support, and case management. The physicians evaluate the patient as a whole and come to appropriate conclusions about the medications that will be a part of a comprehensive plan for their recovery. BrightView accepts all Ohio Medicaid, Medicare, and most private insurances. BrightView can be reached 24/7 to schedule an appointment (typically the next day) using the 24/7 access line phone number or the chat feature on their website. Visit BrightView’s website for more information: <https://brightviewhealth.com/>.

III. Subcommittee Updates

- a. *Treatment:* Tyra Scherer reported that the Treatment Subcommittee did not meet in April. Janice Jones reported that the Mercy Clermont ED will be providing take home naloxone kits to at-risk patients beginning May 1 as part of a new protocol that allows the nursing staff to initiate the process.
- b. *ACEs:* Angie Livesay reported that the subcommittee is gathering items for resource bags that will be distributed to kinship or substitute care families.
- c. *Marketing:* Amy Foley reported the Marketing Subcommittee is mostly focused on Appreciation Week and planning activities at this time. Submissions for the Thank You video will be accepted through April 26. Interact for Health is developing a regional campaign to reduce stigma and Clermont was selected to participate. The campaign aims to unify messaging within the region.

IV. Member Updates

- a. Lee Ann Watson welcomed Positive Leaps to the OTF. Positive Leaps provides mental health services for children and their families. They are located in Eastgate and West Chester.

V. Review of Upcoming Meetings – Lee Ann Watson, OTF Co-Chair

- a. The next OTF meeting is scheduled for May 9th will be held at the Child Focus Training Center located at 4633B Aicholtz Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45244.