



## ***Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes***

May 10, 2018

**In Attendance:** Melissa Funke, Melissa Cole, Nick Kelly, Sean Blyth, Alex Reuther, Amy Foley, Angie Livesay, Beth Bullock, Cathy Krieg, David Painter, Diane Flowers, Ed Humphrey, Jackie Lindner, Jamie Smith, Jeff Sellars, Jill Wallace-Cooper, Julianne Nesbit, Julie Frey, Karen Scherra, Kathleen Williams, Laura Stith, Mary Wolff, Megan Barrett, Tyra Scherer, Hannah Kimble, Dan Bielecki, Lee Ann Watson

- I. **Introduction and Review of Minutes** – *Lee Ann Watson and Capt. Jeff Sellars, OTF Co-Chairs*
  - a. All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from April 2018 were reviewed and approved without amendments.
  
- II. **Student Drug Use Survey Results 2018** – *Mary Wolff, Director, Coalition for a Drug Free Clermont County*
  - a. Mary presented the results of the 2018 Student Drug Use Survey. The survey is implemented every two years by PreventionFIRST! (formerly the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati). The 2018 survey was administered to 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in every school district in Clermont County throughout the fall of 2017. The presentation slides are available at the following link:  
<http://www.ccphohio.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2018/06/2018clermontresults.pdf>.
  
- III. **Subcommittee Updates** –
  - a. **Marketing** – *Amy Foley*; The marketing subcommittee is starting to promote the drug drop boxes more. The Facebook Live for this month featured Lee Ann Watson and Chief Deputy Stratton. Anyone with suggestions for future Facebook Live videos contact Amy Foley. The marketing subcommittee also welcomes any suggestions for appreciation week activities for next year. Karen Scherra reported that several first responders expressed their gratitude for the recognition received by OTF during appreciation week last month. Kathleen Williams reported that she received a nice email from Cincinnati

Enquirer Reporter Terry DiMeo thanking the OTF for her certificate as well. The OTF will likely continue appreciation week activities on a yearly basis.

- b. **Harm Reduction** – *Tyra Scherer*; Tyra reported the following data for the syringe services program during April 2018:
  - i. Individuals served: 21
  - ii. Syringes exchanged: 369
  - iii. Narcan doses distributed: 28
  - iv. Individuals tested for hepatitis C and HIV: 2
  - v. Pregnancy tests distributed: 5
- c. **Treatment** – *Dr. Steve Feagins*; No update; the treatment subcommittee did not meet in May.
- d. **ACEs** – *Angie Livesay*; The ACEs subcommittee is working on gathering information and resources to train individuals impacted by trauma. Subcommittee members identified a need for training and education in families providing kinship care. The next meeting will focus on creating an asset map outlining what resources we currently have in the community.
- e. **Advocacy** – *Karen Scherra*; Karen reported that Bianca Edwards contacted her and asked to present at an upcoming OTF meeting regarding a constitutional amendment that the Ohio Organizing Collaborative is hoping to get on a ballot this fall. The amendment aims to gain access to treatment but would also have unintended consequences in other sectors of the community. The amendment would reclassify drug possession felonies as misdemeanors, which would also allow reclassification to be done retroactively and individuals currently in prison could be released. Karen asked those in attendance if this is something the OTF is interested in hearing more about with the caveat that we would also welcome the opposing entities to speak as well.

**IV. Action Items and Review of Upcoming Meetings** – *Lee Ann Watson, OTF Co-Chair*

- a. At the June meeting there will be a panel of faith based organizations.

**Next Meeting:**

June 14, 2018

2-3:30 pm

Clermont County Sheriff's Office

**Topic:**

Faith-Based Organization Panel