



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017

In Attendance: Alex Reuther, Angela Livesay, David Painter, Gregg Pieples, Gretchen Behimer, Jackie Lindner, Janie Steele, Jeff Sellars, Jerry Wihmeyer, Julianne Nesbit, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson, Mary Wolff, Megan Barrett, Melinda Adams, Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Michelle Lydenberg, Dr. Nav Kang, Michael Adams, Jamie Smith, Cathy Krieg, Aaron Arel, Jill Wallace-Cooper, Kathy Rountree, Paula Gibson, Tracie Sellars, Christina Jeffrey, Tyra Scherer

I. Introduction and Review of Minutes: Lee Ann Watson

All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from July 13th, 2017 were approved without amendments.

II. OTF Updates

- a. **Funding Received** – Lee Ann Watson reported the OTF received a \$500 donation from Batavia Township.
- b. **Funding Requested/Policy for Requested Funding** – Lee Ann Watson also reported OTF received a donation request from the River Rats in the amount of \$256 for lanterns for the Candlelight Vigil held on National Overdose Awareness Day. All members in attendance approved the request.
 - i. Lee Ann Watson suggested that OTF have a policy for donation requests in the future. It will be discussed at the marketing subcommittee.
- c. **QRT Teams** – Gregg Pieples reported that the Clermont County Sheriff's office received grant funding from the Attorney General's Office to start a QRT team in October 1. CRC will provide the Recovery Coach attached to the team. Miami Township and the City of Milford also applied for the same grant but were not awarded. However, they are also starting a QRT team in October. Interact for Health is providing funding for use of a database, called Cordata, for QRT responses.
- d. **OMHAS Collective Impact Grant** – Lee Ann Watson reported that CCMHRB applied for \$20,000 in funding that will provide the OTF with collective impact training, and funding for development of a marketing campaign and fundraising plan.



III. **Presentation: What is Prevention?- Kim Linkel, Batesville Drug Free Coalition, Mary Wolff, Coalition for a Drug Free Clermont County; Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Clermont County Recovery Center, Inc; and Michelle Lydenberg, Coalition for a Drug Free Milford and Miami Township**

Kim Linkel presented on the topic “*What is Prevention*”? The presentation delivered the definitions of prevention, the different types of prevention, and risk and protective factors. She discussed the 20/60/20 rule where the middle 60% of any given population can be swayed and therefore that’s where drug prevention messages should be targeted for the greatest impact. She explained each of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention’s (CSAP) core strategies for prevention and how multiple strategies should be combined to create change. Many of the definitions and strategies discussed are outlined in the handout titled *OhioMHAS Prevention Taxonomy*. Melissa Kaetzel-Cole also provided a handout explaining how CRC’s programs fit into each of the 6 CSAP strategies. The 40 Developmental Assets were briefly discussed as an effective way to reduce risky behaviors among children and adolescents. Scare tactics were identified as ineffective for multiple reasons as outlined in the brochure. Mary Wolff, Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, and Michelle Lydenberg all spoke about the prevention program LifeSkills. While the program isn’t currently in schools county-wide, that is the goal. Kim reiterated that creating change using prevention strategies is a long term process and multiple strategies must be used together to achieve change.

IV. **OTF Subcommittee Updates:**

- A. **Prevention-** Mary Wolff reported that all schools in the county will participate in a substance use survey and she will have the results of that survey in February.
- B. **Marketing-** Kathleen Williams reported that 2 Facebook live chats have taken place recently and had good participation. The Cincinnati Enquirer published an article *Seven days of Heroin*, which mentioned the CC QRT. The get clean now billboard has been created and the mall directory advertising will take place later this fall during the holiday shopping season.
- C. **Harm Reduction** – Julianne Nesbit reported they have not met since last OTF meeting but plan to meet next month.



- D. **Treatment-** Dr. Nav Kang reported that the treatment subcommittee had a discussion about the continuum of care and invited others to collaborate with OTF. It was also mentioned that Mercy Health is formalizing a collaborative treatment approach for individuals presenting in the ED with a suspected opioid misuse disorder. There are currently six levels of intervention at the ED with the lowest level handing out Narcan and the highest level setting up inpatient detox and rehab.
- E. **Advocacy-** Lee Ann Watson reported that the President's Opioid Advisory Committee recently published recommendations for addressing the issue. Karen Scherra reported that the opioid epidemic has not yet been declared a public emergency even though there have been talks of it. Declaring it a public emergency would mean more funds so she recommends advocating for that.

V. **Other Updates:**

- a. Julianne Nesbit announced that 2016 Ohio Drug Overdose Data was recently released by the Ohio Department of Health. Clermont County dropped from having the 3rd highest overdose death rate in the state to 4th. Copies of the report were handed out to OTF members.
- b. David Painter suggested that the Get Clean Now website be added to all of the Sheriff's Department vehicles.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2017

Topic: "What is Detox?"