



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

In Attendance:

Alex Reuther, Amy Foley, Angela Livesay, Anthony Huffman, Beth Bullock, David Painter, Diane Flowers, Ed Humphrey, Gretchen Behimer, Jackie Lindner, Jaime Lutson, Janice Jones, Janie Steele, Capt. Jeff Sellars, Jessica Johnson, Julianne Nesbit, Karen Scherra, Laura Stith, Lee Ann Watson, Mary Lynn Birck, Matt Van Sant, Megan Barrett, Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Steve Haynes, Tara Wilson, Tim Dick, Lt. Tony Rees, Tracie Sellars, Sherri Corn, Erik Powell, & Danielle Pavilk

I. Introduction and Review of Minutes: Lt. Tony Rees

All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from June 8th, 2017 were approved without amendments.

II. Presentation: What is Addiction?- Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Clermont County Recovery Center, Inc

Melissa Kaetzel-Cole presented *What is Addiction?* The presentation delivered the definitions of addiction, substance use disorder (SUD) and disease. Melissa performed a group activity with OTF members comparing lifestyle risk factors and heart disease. Participants were able to witness how one choice can lead to heart disease within that individual. Whereas, other participants were able to make multiple risky choices before developing heart disease. This can be applied to those impacted by addiction. Within the presentation was a short film, *Nuggets*, allowing viewers to see how curiosity can impact decisions. Melissa reminded the OTF members to be cognizant of word choices. When addressing the drug epidemic, it is important to use 1st person language. Using correct language will help reduce the stigma of the drug epidemic within the community.

III. OTF Subcommittee Reports:

A. Prevention-

- No update at this time

B. Marketing-

- Amy Foley reported the marketing subcommittee discussed doing a Facebook live video August 8, 2017 at 12p on the topic of Recovery. Amy asked for OTF members to please view, like, and share the video.



- Amy discussed the upcoming National Night Outs. There may be a need for volunteers to cover the table for OTF. Members can expect an email on the coverage dates needed.
- Amy reported there were 1,500 visits on the OTF webpage (getcleannowclermont.org), the resources section was the most visited on the entire site. The average length spent on the website is 1 hour.

C. Harm Reduction –

- Julianne Nesbit reported that the harm reduction subcommittee met after the June OTF meeting. Julianne discussed that the group is continuing to work on the bloodborne infectious disease program (aka syringe services).

D. Treatment-

- The treatment subcommittee discussed care coordination and communication between EMS and the hospital systems.
- SBIRT has ramped up within the Mercy system. The nursing staff was using SBIRT 1-200x/month and is now utilizing SBIRT 800-900x/month. There has been a high referral rate and 186 brief interventions made. The next step is to evaluate the outcome of implementing SBIRT.

E. Advocacy-

- Ad hoc; no update at this time

IV. **Other Updates & Next Meeting Plans**

A. **Communication and News**

- CNN reporter interviewing CASC program and clients, and the Sheriff. They are interested in what Clermont County is doing to combat the drug epidemic on July 13, 2017. Airing of the newscast is TBA.
- Channel 9 news performed an interview at the Sheriff's department on July 13, 2017. Airing of the newscast is TBA.

B. **Filing Suit**

- Commissioner Painter reported that Clermont County has declared opiate abuse a public nuisance. Clermont County will be filing suit against wholesale drug distributors. The Board of Commissioners, the Prosecuting Attorney, and the Court of Common Pleas are jointly retaining the law firm of Greene, Ketchum, Farrell, Bailey & Tweel of Huntington, West Virginia, as special counsel to pursue remedies against the distributors. Opioid distributors are legally bond to report an uptick of sales and failed to do so in a number of occasions.

C. Karen Scherra discussed the OTF conference in Columbus.



- D. Captain Jeff Sellars discussed the Atlanta Conference. Captain Sellars stated that they did not hear of any new ideas but there were many inquiries on what Clermont County was doing to combat the drug epidemic.
- E. The concern was identified in the lag time between women released from Clermont County jail and access to help.
 - Captain Sellars identified that there is the male CASC program now and a female CASC program will be coming soon.
 - Digital signage in the Clermont County jail to promote resources will be explored.
- F. Lee Ann Watson discussed the expansion of the Quick Response Team to Miami Twp, Goshen, and Milford. New Richmond and Felicity are possible future locations for additional Quick Response Teams.
- G. No meeting in August.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2017

Topic – What is Prevention?

Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Clermont Recovery Center