

Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017



In Attendance:

Amy Foley, Anthony Huffman, Lt. Tony Rees, Capt. Jeff Sellars, Chris Clingman, Diane Flowers, Ed Humphrey, Gregg Peiples, Kathleen Williams, Lee Ann Watson, Marcia Oganowski, Kayla Rhoades, Shirlene Martin, Dr. Steve Feagins, Tracie Sellars, Megan Barrett, Alex Reuther, Lori Watkins, WJ Bockhorst, Jay Rogwer, Tom Eigel, Stephanie Scott

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

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

II. Narcan Training: Stephanie Scott, Nurse, Clermont Recovery Center

Stephanie Scott trained attendees on Narcan administration. Those who participated were provided their own Narcan kit to take home.

III. Quarterly Review of OTF Subcommittee Goals and Updates:

- A. Harm Reduction- Kayla Rhoades reported that the subcommittee continues to discuss needle exchange program ideas. Kayla also stated that she will continue to reach out to local pharmacies about carrying Narcan on site. The committee is also looking into an appreciation program from revived overdose survivors the chance to thank local law enforcement & EMS, referrals, physicians, and others for helping them and saving their lives. Kayla mentioned that the Harm Reduction subcommittee will not be meeting today, and the next meeting will be after the next OTF meeting on June 8, 2017.
- B. Treatment- Dr. Feagins discussed SBIRT to the group. This acronym stands for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral for Treatment. Dr. Feagins mentioned how successful the program is, and Mercy Clermont Hospital has implemented SBIRT and offers it to every patient they see. Dr. Feagins would like to see more hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare providers offering SBIRT to their patients. A map shown and discussed with the group that shows the home zip code of drug overdose hospital emergency department patients. Currently the mapping for Hamilton County is only available, but he would like to see this changed and hopes that Clermont County will be able to have the same mapping for our county to show the hot spot areas that have higher overdose rates than other parts of the county or where the biggest problems seem to be occurring. Dr. Feagins mentioned one of the next goals for the subcommittee is to discuss the education needs and plan for education schedule through the upcoming summer.



- C. Marketing- Amy Foley updated the group on the Sherwood project that has been continuing for the last few months. Amy provided the group with a packet with the updates and where we currently stand with the project and next steps. Amy reported that we are unable to move forward with the project without making some decisions, choosing a focus, and provide funding to complete the project. (See attached documents.)
- D. Prevention- Lee Ann Watson discussed current projects that the subcommittee is working on such as “Hidden in plain sight”, and providing funding for local school’s after prom programs. Lee Ann reported that the five Walgreens locations in Clermont County are interested in having permanent drug drop boxes at all five locations. Batavia Police Department will become the ninth permanent drug drop box location for the county starting in August, and Felicity Police Department is interested in a permanent drug drop box at their site. Lee Ann reported that a grant was approved to provide funding for summer camp to kids who are affected by their parent(s) or caregiver(s) suffering from addiction. Lee Ann also mentioned that there are currently three schools (New Richmond, Milford, and West Clermont Local Schools) using school-based prevention programs, this program focuses on life skills and is evidence based. It is provided to elementary, middle, and high school aged children. The goal is to continue adding additional schools in the near future and expand the program. A contact was provided to reach out to Felicity school district to see about having them be part of the schools using school-based prevention programs. The subcommittee still needs to work on the prevention resource guide.
- E. Advocacy- Lee Ann Watson reported that she would like to plan a meeting sometime soon to discuss many new ideas for the committee to start working on. She will be sending out an email to do that soon and everyone is welcome to attend.

IV. Other Updates & Next Meeting Plans

- Lee Ann Watson reported that the DEA Drug Take Back Day Event that was held on April 29th, 2017 was a huge success. Clermont County collected a total of 182.75 pounds of drugs.
- Lee Ann Watson informed the group about the possibility of ONDCP budget being cut by 95%. Not only would ONDCP lose half of the office staff for the agency, but, even more importantly, it would also eliminate two programs: the Drug Free Communities (DFC) program and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. This would eliminate many prevention activities, including the primary funding for our organization, to keep young people off of drugs along with the HIDTA program that helps take down high level drug traffickers. This would be a real threat to our community. Currently this is not set in stone to happen though.



- Gregg Pieples reported that CRC's recovery house that was purchased and is ready to open, but they are going to do some neighborhood walks and open houses to surrounding neighborhoods before opening. Pieples mentioned a flyer with dates for the open houses (see attached document.)

Next Meeting: June 8, 2017

Topic – Unintentional Death Review,

Clermont County Public Health