



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

February 14, 2019

**In Attendance:** *Gretchen Behimer, William Bockhorst, Beth Bullock, Nan Cahall, Sonya Carrico, Heather Cokl, Sherry Donaworth, Diane Flowers, Amy Foley, Ed Humphrey, Jessica Johnson, Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Cathy Krieg, Jackie Lindner, Angela Livesay, Julianne Nesbit, David Painter, Meredith Poynter, Sharon Richmond, Tyra Scherer, Karen Scherra, Stephanie Shelander, Jamie Buckley, Sean Smith, Bill Stearns, Laura Stith, Kimberleigh Szaz, Lori Watkins, Lee Ann Watson, Kathleen Williams, Jerry Wittmeyer, Mary Wolff, Emily McAfee, Alyssa Brinkman, Patty Lawrence, Alica Fine, Jan Flucas, Lindsey Aranyos, Beth Hamad, Megan Alley*

- I. **Introduction and Review of Minutes** – *Lee Ann Watson, OTF Co-Chair*
  - a. All in attendance reviewed the minutes from December 2018 and January 2019, and the minutes were approved without amendments.
  
- II. **Vivitrol Presentation** – *Gabriel Thomas, Alkermes*
  - a. Gabriel gave a presentation about Vivitrol (naltrexone), which is an opioid antagonist indicated for the treatment of alcohol dependence and opioid dependence. The presentation included a brief history of opioid use in the United States and explained the background of Vivitrol. Vivitrol is a once-monthly injectable that is administered by a healthcare provider. Prior to receiving Vivitrol, patients must be opioid-free for a minimum of 7-14 days. Additional information about Vivitrol is available online at [www.vivitrol.com](http://www.vivitrol.com).
  
- III. **Discussion about OTF moving forward**
  - a. Members in attendance discussed changing the name of the OTF to reflect a focus on addiction overall as opposed to one particular substance. The differences between a task force, coalition, and committee were discussed in addition to an explanation of how the OTF is currently structured under the Coalition for a Drug Free Clermont County. Members also discussed how certain terminology should be avoided to reduce stigma.
  - b. The Marketing Subcommittee will discuss this topic more over the next month and look into suggestions to bring back to the OTF members.

**IV. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. *Prevention:* Mary Wolff reported that she will be at West Clermont February 15<sup>th</sup> doing Hidden in Plain Sight for teachers. She is also participating on a Good Samaritan Law committee at the State.
- b. *Treatment:* Julianne Nesbit reported that the Treatment Subcommittee reviewed the end of year data for the syringe services program and the Outreach Team's data from 2018.
- c. *Marketing:* Did not meet this month.
- d. *Advocacy:* Karen Scherra reported that Sen. Uecker is interested in the discussions that came out of the Issue 1 last fall. Members in attendance agreed that the OTF should invite him to an upcoming meeting.

**V. Member Updates**

- a. Sean Smith with Sunrise Treatment Center announced that Sunrise has recently taken over Northland and will continue to provide outpatient treatment from the Miami Township location.

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

- a. The next OTF meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019.