



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

In Attendance: Alex Reuther, Amy Foley, Ed Humphrey, Erik Powell, Gretchen Behimer, Heather Cokl, Jackie Lindner, Jaime Lutson, Janice Jones, Janie Steele, Jeff Sellars, Jessica Johnson, Julianne Nesbit, Julie Frey, Karen Scherra, Kathleen Williams, Keith Robinson, Kristy Mudd, Lee Ann Watson, Margaret Jenkins, Megan Barrett, Michelle Lydenberg, Rhonda Birkhimer, Sean Blyth, Sue McKinley, Tara Jimison, Tracie Sellars, Tyra Scherer, Kimberleigh Szaz, Sabrina Schnarrenberg, Jim Petry, Nan Kohnen Cahall, Sarah Nerad, Beth Bullock

- I. **Introduction and Review of Minutes** – *Lee Ann Watson and Capt. Jeff Sellars, OTF Co-Chairs*
 - a. All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from February 2018 were reviewed and approved without amendments.

- II. **Mitigating Risk, Supporting Children in AOD Environments** – *Nicolle Moore, Master Trainer, Child Focus Inc.*

Nicolle's presentation reviewed risk factors that children living in AOD (alcohol or other drug) environments are susceptible to utilizing statistics from the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) study. She explained that many children experience trauma as a result of their environments and this leads to toxic stress. Trauma and toxic stress experienced by children causes physiological changes to occur. Lastly, Nicolle explained that steps can be taken to reduce the adverse effects of living in AOD environments and build resiliency. Parenting services and community based strategies that build connections were strategies she discussed for mitigating risk associated with children living in AOD environments. For a copy of Nicolle's presentation please contact Lee Ann Watson or Tyra Scherer.

- III. **Appreciation Week Update** – *Karen Scherra*
 - a. Appreciation Week begins on April 9. The Appreciation Week subcommittee has created a fairly comprehensive list of events during that week where individuals and agencies will be thanked and honored for their efforts in response to the opioid epidemic.

- b. The OTF meeting on April 12 will be held at the Batavia Township Community Center. It will be a fun, celebratory meeting and refreshments will be available. Members are encouraged to invite others to the April 12 OTF meeting and it's open to the public.
- c. Amy Foley is collecting thank you notes via the OTF website, hard copy, or email. The thank you notes will be distributed to the appropriate individual or agency during the Appreciation Week celebrations. Contact Amy Foley for submission details.
- d. Karen asked for the support of Task Force funds to purchase items for Appreciation Week. Lee Ann Watson motioned to provide approximately \$400 for Appreciation Week; seconded by Sue McKinley; all present voted, "I," and the motion carried.

IV. Subcommittee Updates –

- a. **Prevention** – *Michelle Lydenberg*; Coalition for a Drug Free Clermont County and Partners for a Drug Free Milford and Miami Township are focusing on expanding the youth led prevention efforts. Students are developing surveys and gathering data about tobacco use and vaping.
- b. **Marketing** – *Amy Foley*; The marketing subcommittee has been primarily focused on supporting the Appreciation Week efforts.
- c. **Harm Reduction** – *Tyra Scherer*; The syringe services program began on March 1 and will be at Mercy Health Clermont Hospital every Thursday from 10am-1pm. Clermont County Public Health will be receiving data on the use of the services on a monthly basis and will share with the OTF. A flyer with the date and time of the syringe services program was provided. See the attached flyer.
- d. **Treatment** – *Jessica Johnson and Megan Jones*; The treatment subcommittee discussed a new database that is available for EMS to input Narcan administration data and how to potentially integrate this within Clermont County. Clermont Hospital had a ribbon cutting for the opening of its Care Clinic on March 1. The Care Clinic is funded fully by donations and will provide care to uninsured individuals on a referral basis from the emergency department.
- e. **Advocacy** – *Lee Ann Watson*; Efforts have been focused on planning and supporting the Appreciation Day events.

V. Task Force Member Updates – All

- a. Lee Ann Watson announced the first subcommittee meeting focusing on support for family and children will take place on March 19 at 11:00 am in the Board Room at Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to attend.
- b. DEA Drug Take Back Day is April 28 from 10am-2pm. Volunteers are needed to staff collection sites. Contact Lee Ann Watson to volunteer.
- c. Karen Scherra reported that Senator Rob Portman announced CARA 2.0, which builds on the original CARA act and designates some of the federal budget money to treatment and prevention. Nan Cahall from Senator Portman's office was in attendance and

echoed Karen's comments regarding CARA 2.0. A one page information sheet was emailed to OTF members following the meeting. See Karen for more information.

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

As a reminder next month's meeting is at the Batavia Township Community Center and will be a celebration for Appreciation Week.

Next Meeting:

April 12, 2018

2-3:30 pm

Batavia Township Community Center

Topic:

Appreciation Week