



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

In Attendance: Alex Reuther, Angela Livesay, Cathy Krieg, David Painter, Debbie Hawkins, Diane Flowers, Jackie Lindner, Jamie Smith, Jeff Sellars, Melissa Bartos, Sherry Donaworth, Steve Haynes, Tara Jimison, Tony Rees, Tracie Sellars, Tyra Scherer, Jessica Johnson, Jill Wallace-Cooper, Julie Frey, Kathleen Williams, Keith Robinson, Laura Stith, Lee Ann Watson, Megan Barrett, Erica Watson

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

- II. **Overdose Fatality Review; January – June 2017** – *Tyra Scherer, Injury Prevention Coordinator, CCPH; and Tara Jimison, BSN, RN, Epidemiologist, CCPH*
Tara and Tyra presented aggregate data for 30 unintentional overdose deaths that occurred in Clermont County between January-June 2017. Data sources include death certificates, autopsy reports, toxicology screens, police reports, Clerk of Courts records, and public information available online. As of February 8, 2018 the Clermont County Coroner's office reported a total of 57 unintentional overdose death cases and 19 cases still pending for 2017. All in attendance were given a copy of the presentation. If you would like a copy of the presentation, please contact Tyra Scherer.

- III. **Review of Goals for 2018** – *Lee Ann Watson and Tyra Scherer*
Goals and strategies for 2018 were compiled using those identified by each of the subcommittees and those suggested during the January 2018 OTF meeting. Lee Ann asked those in attendance to identify which strategies they felt were a priority. The priority areas are listed below:
 - A. Increasing the availability of treatment: (1) Establish recovery housing for women, and (2) Develop a process for referrals to treatment from the syringe services mobile unit

- B. Reducing the harm caused by opiate epidemic: (1) Implement a comprehensive syringe services program, and (2) Form a new subcommittee for child and family support
- C. Preventing opiate misuse: (1) Develop a plan for increasing awareness of meth, and (2) Educate the community about opiate misuse and substance use disorder, including the symptoms of opiate abuse
- D. Cutting the supply of opiates: (1) Educate the public regarding use of the County Narcotics tip line to report suspected drug activity
- E. Marketing subcommittee: (1) Develop and distribute educational resources for EMS and police
- F. Advocacy: (1) Provide updates on policies and current events, and (2) Continue to seek new funding opportunities

Hard copies were given to all members in attendance. If you would like a copy please contact Tyra Scherer.

IV. Subcommittee Updates –

Each of the subcommittees discussed goals and strategies for 2018 during the past month.

V. Task Force Member Updates – All

Tyra Scherer announced a mini grant funding opportunity available through the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership's Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group. Email Tyra for a copy of the RFP if you're interested.

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

Lee Ann requested that anyone with topic ideas for future OTF meetings let her know. Jessica Johnson suggested doing a QRT update since it's been in place now for several months.

Next Meeting:

March 8, 2018

Topic:

Effects of substance use on families and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)