



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017

In Attendance:

Alex Reuther, Amy Foley, Angela Livesay, Lt. Tony Rees, Capt. Jeff Sellars, David Painter, Diane Flowers, Ed Humphrey, George Hart, Gretchen Behimer, Jackie Lindner, Jaime Lutson, Joey Rolen, Julianne Nesbit, Karen Scherra, Kayla Rhoades, Keith Robinson, Lori Watkins, Marcia Oganowski, Jon Evans, Mary Wolff, Megan Barrett, Melissa Bartos, Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Michelle Lydenberg, Dr. Steve Feagins, Tara Wilson, Tracie Sellars, Molly Guernsey, Kimberleigh Szaz, & Kayla Beckler

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

All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from May 11th, 2017 were approved without amendments.

II. Poison Death Review Presentation: Kayla Rhoades, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Clermont County Public Health

Kayla Rhoades presented a PowerPoint on Clermont County's Poison Death Review's 2016 data. The PowerPoint slides were handed out to everyone who attended the meeting. Please contact Kayla Rhoades if you would like to obtain a copy of the PowerPoint slides to view.

III. Easter Seals - Who We Are Presentation: Megan Barrett, Easter Seals

Megan Barrett presented Easter Seals' information including services provided to the Clermont County community, resources, and more information about Easter Seals. Megan provided handouts to the group to learn more about Easter Seals (see attached documents.)

IV. OTF Subcommittee Reports:

A. Harm Reduction –

- Julianne Nesbit reported that the harm reduction subcommittee did not meet during the month of May. There will be a meeting today directly following the Opiate Task Force meeting.

B. Treatment-

- Dr. Feagins discussed care coordination and medication assisted treatment (MAT) being the top goals for the treatment subcommittee. The treatment subcommittee will be working on synergizing care coordination and medication assisted treatment in future subcommittee meetings.



C. Marketing-

- Amy Foley reported the marketing subcommittee discussed doing Facebook live videos on various topics addressing the opioid epidemic within the community. Amy stated that the first Facebook live video would go up in September, and a Clermont County Recovery Coach would be doing the first video.
- Amy reported the OTF now has business cards available to promote the getcleannowclermont.org webpage (please see Lee Ann Watson or Amy Foley if you would like to have some OTF business cards to pass out.)
- Amy reported there were 1700 visits made in May on the OTF webpage (getcleannowclermont.org), the resources section was the most visited on the entire site.
- Amy discussed the current state of the marketing plan with the group, and stated she would not have a final decision or update on whether or not the subcommittee is planning to move forward with next steps in the marketing plan until the next OTF meeting in July.

D. Prevention-

- Mary Wolff reported a medicinal marijuana dispensary or “growing site” company known as PalliaTech is looking in Clermont County for its next dispensary site. PalliaTech was originally looking at Batavia Township for its next dispensary location, however, this has since been banned. PalliaTech is now looking to find a site somewhere in the Amelia area or surrounding locations. Mary stated this is not a good idea for Clermont County, and could bring an array of problems to our community. No costs were mentioned for this project, and no discussion regarding how much harder this could make local law enforcement’s jobs has been addressed. Mary discussed villages, city limits, and townships having the option to ban dispensaries from starting a growing site in their areas with zoning laws. Mary asked for everyone’s help in keeping PalliaTech from starting a medicinal marijuana dispensary anywhere in Clermont County, and to contact your local city council’s office or township trustees to address your concerns on this topic.

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

- Karen Scherra reported the Ohio Senate would be releasing their budget on Monday, June 12, 2017. Karen reported this budget may cut all money previously budgeted to fight the opioid epidemic happening across Ohio. This would tremendously influence Ohio’s current ability to fight the opioid epidemic. Karen recommended reaching out to Senator Ueker addressing the



Senate's new budget proposal, and write letters explaining why Ohio needs the money now more than ever to fight the current opioid epidemic happening across all of Ohio.

VI. *No Boundaries Portraits Revealing the Complexity of the Heroin Epidemic Presentation – Milford High School Photojournalism – Michelle Lydenberg, Partners for a Drug-Free Milford Miami Township*

Michelle Lydenberg presented the *No Boundaries Portraits Revealing the Complexity of the Heroin Epidemic* Presentation conducted by Milford High School photojournalism students during the 2016-2017 school year. The presentation included multiple stories of people who suffered or were impacted by the heroin epidemic in some way. The displays included pictures capturing each individual's story. Attendees were encouraged to walk around the room and read each of the individual's stories captivated throughout the project.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2017

Topic – What is Addiction?

Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Clermont Recovery Center