



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2017

In Attendance:

Amy Foley, Anthony Huffman, Anthony Rees, David Painter, Debbie Lange, Diane Flowers, Ed Humphrey, Gregg Pieples, Gretchen Behimer, Jackie Lindner, Jaime Lutson, Janie Steele, Jessica Johnson, Julianne Nesbit, Julie Frey, Kathleen Williams, Kayla Rhoades, Kristy Mudd, Lee Ann Watson, Marcia Oganowski, Mark Crable, Mary Lynn Birck, Melissa Cole, Michelle Lydenberg, Nav Kang, Paula Gibson, Rhonda Birkhimer, Steve Goldsberry, Steve Haynes, Tracie Sellars, Megan Barrett, Bryan Taylor, Lori Watkins, & Jerry WiHmeyer

Introduction and Review of Minutes: Lt. Tony Rees

All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from March 9th, 2017 were approved without amendments.

Speaker: BCI Unit – Scott Duff, Special Agent Supervisor, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Heroin Unit, & Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine

Scott Duff provided information regarding what the BCI Unit and its purpose. A BCI Unit focuses on catching heroin dealers and heroin users, with a goal of helping users get into treatment while arresting dealers. The BCI Unit offers many resources to help Ohio communities overcome the heroin epidemic. A resource guide that provides many of the services the BCI Unit offers to all of Ohio was mentioned during the presentation, and is available upon request. The document “Drug Addiction Affects All Ohioans” was discussed and was made available at the meeting (document attached.)

Speaker: Good Samaritan Law – Darren Miller, Chief of Felony Division, Clermont County Prosecutor’s Office

Darren Miller spoke about the Good Samaritan Law, also known as the “911 Good Samaritan Law” that was put into effect for the state of Ohio in September 2016. This law grants immunity from arrest and prosecution to certain individuals under certain circumstances. This law may apply to those who commit a minor drug possession offense and evidence of that offense was discovered when police responded to a request for medical assistance for a drug overdose. Miller mentioned there are limitations to this law as to how it works. The document “911 Good Samaritan Law” was available at the meeting (document attached.)

Video: “American College of Physicians Issues Recommendations on Addiction” – Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner

Ed Humphrey showed a CBS segment at the meeting which discussed how the American College of Physicians is issuing new recommendations on addiction to prevent and treat substance use disorders.

Lee Ann Watson provided a document at the meeting that summarized what the American College of Physicians recommendations are and why they believe these recommendations will help to prevent and treat substance use disorders (see attached document.)

Subcommittee Reports

- A. Harm Reduction- Julianne Nesbit reported that the subcommittee did not meet in March 2017. She discussed that Hamilton County Public Health does a daily and monthly overdose report for their county which includes 911 call center data and EpiCenter data (which contains emergency department visit data), thereby providing them the chance to issue an alert to community partners about sudden spikes or changes in the average amount of overdose reports they are receiving on a day-to-day basis. HCPH is interested in Clermont County pairing with them to start gathering data for our county for inclusion in this report as well. Julianne also mentioned that the Harm Reduction Subcommittee will meet directly following the OTF meeting today in the same location.
- B. Treatment- Lee Ann Watson reported that the subcommittee discussed different treatment options currently available to the community.
- C. Marketing- Amy Foley updated the group on how she would like to focus on more grassroots marketing. She asked the group to like the Opiate Task Force Facebook page if they already haven't done so, and consider sharing OTF Facebook page content on personal Facebook pages to get the word out and promote it more. Foley asked if anyone in the group could send her more grassroots groups so she can continue to grow and develop grassroots marketing.
- D. Prevention- Michelle Lydenberg reported that the Hidden in Plain Site trailer that the Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County has been working on is in the works and will be ready to go soon. Michelle also mentioned the committee is focusing on the *Parents Who Host Lose the Most* campaign and After Prom right now as it is prom season and these topics are a priority this time of year. The Know! Parent Workbook was shared with the group as a great resource to use to empower parents and caregivers to raise their children to be substance-free and how to talk to them about substance-use. If interested in a copy of this workbook you can contact Michelle Lydenberg.
- 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.

I. Task Force Member Updates

- DEA Drug Take-Back Day Event is Saturday, April 29th, 2017 from 10 AM to 2 PM. (See attached document.)

II. Other Updates & Next Meeting Plans

- *No Boundaries Portraits Revealing the Complexity of the Heroin Epidemic* presented by Milford High School Photojournalism will be on Monday, May 8th, 2017 7-8:30 PM at Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150. (See attached document.)
- CRC purchased a recovery house that will house 7 people, and should be ready to open May 2017. Greg Pieples mentioned the flyer about recovery housing and how we should use it to educate the community and promote support for recovery housing. (See attached document.)

Next Meeting: May 11, 2017