



Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017

In Attendance: Amy Foley, David Painter, Ed Humphrey, Gretchen Behimer, Jaime Lutson, Jackie Lindner, Janie Steele, Jeff Sellars, Jessica Johnson, Julianne Nesbit, Julie Frey, Karen Scherra, Keith Robinson, Laura Stith, Lee Ann Watson, Mary Wolff, Melissa Kaetzel-Cole, Michelle Lydenberg, Shirlene Martin, Steve Feagins, Tara Wilson, Tyra Scherer, Daryll Gray, Lori Watkins, Jack Stem, Jamie Smith, Danielle Parillo, Gregg Pieples

I. Introduction and Review of Minutes – *Lee Ann Watson*

All in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes from September 14th, 2017 were reviewed and approved without amendments.

II. Policy and Procedure for Funding Requests – *Lee Ann Watson*

Lee Ann Watson developed a draft policy for funding requests and distributed to members for their review. All members in attendance approved the Policy and Procedure for Funding Requests.

- a. The policy states the OTF Co-Chair can approve requests under \$500. Requests over \$500 will be brought to the OTF members for approval. See *Attachment A* for details.
- b. She reported that there is \$3,334.64 in the OTF fund currently.

III. Presentation: What is Detox? – *Dr. Steve Feagins, Vice President Medical Affairs, Mercy Health - East Market*

Dr. Feagins presented on the topic of detox, including clinical detox protocol and next steps at Mercy Hospital. His presentation began by stating that in a clinical setting detox is the same as inpatient treatment of withdrawal. This is due in part because most patients are not going through detox by choice but because of an unexpected medical event resulting in hospital admittance. The presentation

outlined Mercy's protocol for alcohol withdrawal where nurses complete a Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) and receive guidance through the electronic medical records system for an intervention based on the patient's score. The intervention most commonly used for alcohol withdrawal is administering a benzodiazepine, such as Ativan. Similarly, the protocol for opiate withdrawal calls for nurses to assess a patient using the Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) and receive guidance for intervention and how often to complete follow up COWS assessments based on the patient's score. A common intervention for opiate withdrawal is medication assisted treatment (MAT) which reduces the likelihood of relapse and overdose. Mercy typically uses a partial opioid agonist, such as Buprenorphine. Opiate detox protocol also includes a daily visit from peer recovery counselors. Patients are discharged for inpatient MAT and given naloxone as a preventative measure. Inpatient programs focus largely on group therapy and learning many types of skills ranging from stress management to managing finances. Prior to release, individuals are connected with community based treatment. Dr. Feagins ended his presentation with a quick note that amphetamine overdoses have been increasingly more common in the past several months at both Clermont and Anderson Hospitals.

IV. Clermont County Overdose Data Tool – Jackie Lindner, Director of Nursing, Clermont County Public Health

Jackie Lindner announced that an interactive daily overdose tool for Clermont County is available as of 10/12/17 via links located on the CCPH and OTF webpages. The web-based tool was developed in partnership with Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) and is based on the HCPH daily overdose report that was previously distributed via email. The tool shows the number of ED visits and 911 dispatches due to overdose for the previous day. The data also shows the number of overdoses over the past several days. Users can further dissect the data by viewing charts and graphs for overdoses by home location and hospital location, gender, and age. Data sources include 911 dispatch data (provided by Clermont County 911 Communications Center and Union Township 911 Dispatch center) and EpiCenter data (chief complaint information from emergency departments). Jackie noted that it is important to consider the tool's limitations when interpreting the data. Information on how the data is collected and limitations are included at the bottom of the webpage. It is best viewed using Chrome or on a mobile device.

V. Clermont County Syringe Services Program – Julianne Nesbit, Health Commissioner, Clermont County Public Health

Julianne Nesbit presented on the development of a syringe services program (SSP) for Clermont County. She explained that SSP is a comprehensive harm reduction program that includes exchanging sterile syringes needles, proper disposal of contaminated equipment, testing for communicable diseases (HIV and hepatitis C), naloxone provision, and referral to treatment. Clermont County has a higher than average rate of hepatitis C and persons living with HIV. CCPH is currently looking at using the Cincinnati Exchange Project which runs through a mobile unit that would be stationed at Mercy Hospital Clermont

once a week for a half-day. The program is in the process of transitioning from UC Health to Hamilton County Public Health under the guidance of a committee. The project costs approximately \$42,000/year for a ½ day per week service and Mercy would assist with funding for the first year. A handout with benefits of SSP was distributed to those in attendance. Next steps include continued discussions with stakeholders (tentatively 11/30 at 6:30pm) and a formal agreement with Mercy Hospital Clermont and Hamilton County Public Health.

VI. Subcommittee Updates –

- a. Prevention:** Mary Wolff reported that Red Ribbon week is coming up (10/23-10/31) and school districts have several prevention activities planned for youth and their parents. The Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County received a grant from Interact for Health that will help fund a tobacco prevention social media campaign. She is looking into a developmental asset training program for Clermont County.
- b. Marketing:** Amy Foley reported that the OTF Facebook Live videos have continued to take place on the second Tuesday of each month. The videos are well received and social media reach is increasing. Jackie Lindner added that the Get Clean Now Clermont advertisements are now on display at Eastgate Mall and will remain through 12/24/17.
- c. Harm Reduction:** Julianne Nesbit reported that the harm reduction subcommittee did not meet this month, but they plan to meet next month.
- d. Treatment:** Dr. Feagins reported that Dr. Hablitzel, the Adams County Health Commissioner, joined the most recent meeting to share his county's progress in fighting the opioid crisis. Although they are in the beginning stages of addressing the issue, Dr. Hablitzel was pleased to hear about all that we have going on in Clermont and looks forward to learning from us.
- e. Advocacy:** Karen Scherra shared that there is a chance the state legislators could override Gov. Kasich's veto protecting Medicaid expansion. She explained that this would be detrimental to many residents of Clermont County and encouraged members to write to the legislators.

VII. Task Force Member Updates –

- a.** Lee Ann Watson reported that CCMHRB was awarded the OHMAS Collective Impact Grant for \$20,000. The funding will provide the OTF with collective impact training and funding for development of a marketing campaign and fundraising plan.
- b.** Gregg Pieples reported that the Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Miami Township, and the City of Milford began their Quick Response Teams. Fox 19 News followed along for a day of QRT responses and media coverage was very positive. Gregg explained the goal is to expand QRTs throughout the county in an effort to reach more residents.

- c. Jessica Johnson announced that CRC/GCB began Hope Connection in Felicity on 10/12/17 and will continue to provide outreach every Friday from 12pm-2pm. The Hope Connection offers recovery related support and connections to resources within the community.
- d. Tyra Scherer announced the next Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership meeting is 11/3/17 for anyone interested in attending.
- e. Jaime Lutson reported that the courts are seeing a huge increase in methamphetamine positive drug screens. She explained that several individuals have reported that it's very easy to obtain in the area.

Next Meeting:

November 9, 2017

Topics:

“What is Residential?” – Adams Recovery Center

Attachment A:

Clermont County Opiate Task Force

Policy and Procedure

Funding Requests

Periodically, the Clermont County Opiate Task Force receives requests from community groups to fund various projects. The funding requests will be taken from the Opiate Task Force account. The Co-Chair can approve these requests, in the following cases:

- 1) The request fits the mission and objectives of the Opiate Task Force
- 2) The request is under the amount of \$500.00
- 3) The Co-chair informs the Opiate Task Force members of the request
- 4) The Opiate Task Force is recognized for providing funding

If the request is more than \$500.00, the Opiate Task Force Co-Chair will bring the request to the members of the Opiate Task Force for approval.

In order to request funding from the Opiate Task Force, an invoice with a full description of the project and purpose of the project shall be received and reviewed by the Co-Chair. It is recommended that requests for funding be received one (1) month prior. Record of requests for funding will be kept by the Co-Chair. Record of funding will be kept by the Co-Chair.