



Summit County Opiate Task Force Public Awareness Subcommittee August 8, 2017 Meeting Notes

In attendance: Darryl Brake, Summit County Community Partnership; Ellen Perduyn, University of Akron; and Lucky Tisch and Mary Alice Sonnhalter, County of Summit ADM Board

Updates:

1. Revised Task Force Website

The redesign of OTF website is almost complete and will be ready to launch later this month. The new URL is: www.summitcountyaddictionhelp.org. The prior URL: summitcountyopiatetaskforce.org will redirect to the revised site so that bookmarks will not need to be reset. The revised site is meant to be both more user friendly and mobile compatible. The resources are more targeted and include access to an increased number of videos and downloads.

2. Updates to city / village / county councils

The group discussed the merit of visiting the city / village/ county council meetings throughout the county this fall to provide them a brief update of the Opiate Task Force (OTF) activities. It was suggested that the speaker use zip code specific information for the city they present to using the SC Public health searchable database. Lucky is in touch with the clerks that schedule these and will begin to develop the schedule and coordinate speakers.

3. Outreach to University of Akron

The university has formed an AOD task force and Darryl and several ADM Board staff are involved. The task force mission: *The University of Akron AOD Task force is a group of campus and community individuals and organizations that are dedicated to providing and promoting a safe and healthy environment for our campus that is conducive to learning . One of our main goals is to promote healthy choices concerning the use of alcohol and other drugs, emphasizing the illegal use, high-risk behavior and harmful use. This will include the creation of a campus recovery community for our students.*

4. Conference for late 2017 or early 2018

The team discussed developing a conference to highlight all of the things going on in Summit County to address the opiate crisis, including presentations of best practices in all of our communities as well as others who are implementing evidence-based or promising programs. Possibly consider inviting national leaders in the field:

- Former Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, M.D. M.B.A. who published the first Surgeon General Report on addiction and health entitled [Facing Addiction in America](#). Mary Alice will inquire about his availability.
- A member of the president's [Opiate Commission](#) to discuss their report and national policy
- Consider partnering with Case to develop hologram display / exhibit as an interactive exhibit which depicts the physical changes in brain chemistry due to addiction. Ellen will make contact with Case staff to explore the idea.
- The recent play, *The Heroin Project*, developed by KSU students was mentioned as a possible presentation if they could do an excerpt of it.
- Ellen suggested that UA could potentially host and an ideal time would be spring break – March 26th through 30th, 2018

5. **Sept. New speakers training** – is scheduled for September 18 at 4:30pm-6:00pm in the ADM Board Trailblazer Room.

Next meeting – TBD – after the 9.18 speakers training – need to identify an OTF Public Awareness Co-Chair