

Summit County Opiate Task Force
Criminal Justice sub-committee
July 25, 2017
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. with Emily Beers, Jennifer Hawkins and Jack Davis presiding and Susan Henry recording.

Attendees: Jack Davis, Jennifer Hawkins, Emily Beers, Lori Baler-Stella, Rhonda Brink, Ron Cable, John Dalessandro, Heidi Day-Hall, Laurie Fisher, Keith Heilmeier, Susan Henry, Jerry Hughes, Paul Moledor, Ellen Perduyn, Jarrod Pyle, Lori Pesci, Ruth Simera, Jeff Sturm

1. Welcome

Emily Beers opened the meeting by thanking all in attendance for coming together to address the opiate epidemic and promote positive change. Co-chairs Jennifer Hawkins and Jack Davis were introduced.

2. Introductions

Committee member introductions were made.

3. Detective Keith Heilmeier, Innovative Strategies from Summa Health

Detective Keith Heilmeier from the Summa Police Department spoke to committee members about data collection and tracking methods he's employing to show local heroin trends. Detective Heilmeier also collects data for the City of Akron on all Non-EMS runs into Akron City Hospital for opiate addiction.

Dump boxes are now available for medicine disposal at the Akron and Barberton campuses. They are open year round. In addition, Summa Health will be hosting a drug take back day.

Deterra drug deactivation bags are now being given away in conjunction with the Beds to Meds Program. Anyone discharged from the hospital with a prescription for opiates are being given the bags with instructions for use.

4. Ruth H. Simera, Director, Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, Sequential Intercept Model to Address Opiate Related Issues.

Ms. Simera presented a PowerPoint presentation to committee members which detailed how the Sequential Intercept Model is being used to explore solutions for the opiate problem.

5. Jarrod Pyle, Summit County Public Health (SCPH), Project DAWN update

The new Narcan kits are easier to use. They resemble a Flonase bottle and have an atomizer. No assembly is needed.

Work is being done to get Narcan into the jail. A major concern is that it is cost prohibitive. We are looking at ways to get Narcan to families via the quick response team. Families are reluctant to have a Narcan kit on hand because they equate it to enabling their loved one. Jarrod said he is spending a lot of time trying to debunk that myth.

Project Dawn was at the Hope after Heroin event. In one day 48 Narcan kits were passed out. It was evident many people did not know that these kits were readily available at SCPH at no cost to them.

If you or your agency is interested in learning more about Project DAWN, Jarrod can be reached at (330) 812-3869.

6. Agency Updates/Community Events

Operation Street Smart: October 25, 2017 at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium. Registration required and seating is limited to 180 people.

Rock and Recovery, an online recovery advocacy radio station, provided us with sample CD's and bookmarks. These were made available to committee members.

Summit for Kids Symposium will be held August 18, 2017 from 9:00am – 4:00pm at the main branch of the Akron Summit County Public Library. Cost: \$50.00

Jake's Reach is an Akron-based opiate addiction resource group. The next meeting will be August 2, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Northwest Family Recreation Center on Shatto Avenue in Akron.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is sponsoring National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 28, 2017.

The next Full Task Force meeting will be held September 13, 2017 from 4 pm - 5:30 pm

The next Summit County Opiate Task Force Criminal Justice sub-committee meeting will be held November 14, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm