

# Summit County Opiate Task Force

## Key Stakeholders Annual Meeting

Summit County Public Health Auditorium  
1867 W. Market St. Suite A, Akron



## MEETING NOTES 3/8/2017

### ATTENDEES:

82 Community Stakeholders were in attendance.

### MEETING MATERIALS:

The following meeting materials were distributed: Agenda, Meeting Notes from December 14, 2016, Data Dashboard Handouts, Dreamland Event Schedule, Summit County Opiate Task Force 2017-18 Strategic Plan – Draft, Addiction Resource Guide.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Jerry Craig, Executive Director of the County of Summit ADM Board welcomed all participants, and outlined the agenda.

### PRESENTATION OF PSAs:

Mr. Craig introduced Zach Miley, Prevention Specialist at Community Health Center and co-chair of the Youth subcommittee. Mr. Miley spoke about the opiate public service announcements (PSAs) that 18 members of Teen Institute recently produced about the dangers of opiate abuse. Summa Health donated space for approximately 160 people to attend a red carpet screening. Three of the ten PSAs titled, "[Abuse Signs – How to Recognize Addiction](#)", "[Pain Killers](#)", and "[Hey You #2](#)" were presented. Advertising time was purchased through grant money for the PSAs to be shown at all Cinemark locations in Akron prior to each featured movie. The PSAs have also been published on YouTube and can be found by searching: "[We Are the Future of Summit County](#)". Noah P. and Ben K. spoke about the PSA, "Abuse Signs – How to Recognize Addiction". It was noted that the Crisis Text Line number is at the end of each PSA. The group expressed their appreciation to Community Health Center, Ohio Guidestone, University of Akron, Summa and the ADM Board for supporting this effort.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT:** Mr. Craig indicated that approximately 40 people attended a Summit County Opiate Task Force Strategic Planning session on February 23, 2017. A survey on priorities that was emailed to the full Opiate Task Force was incorporated into the session as a springboard for planning. A draft Strategic Planning document was distributed.

- **Healthcare:** Dr. Douglas Smith, Chief Clinical Officer of the ADM Board said there was a mix of long-time and new members of the Healthcare subcommittee that helped with the planning process. The main goal was to create a seamless path to receive care and residential services. They are working with drug representatives to develop electronic and physical methods to get into clinics to increase awareness and promote support for caregiver fatigue. The group is also exploring the need for a full services campus. Five of the ten detox beds have now been added. Currently there is no wait.

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- **Criminal Justice:** Jack Davis, City of Cuyahoga Falls Chief of Police, reported that the goals of the Criminal Justice subcommittee are:
  - To develop more connections and partner with treatment facilities. They plan to expand meetings and increase involvement.
  - Continue to work on jail treatment programs, which is a very involved problem.
- **Public Awareness:** Lucky Tisch, Communications & Community Outreach Coordinator with the County of Summit ADM Board, indicated the Public Awareness committee set two main priorities, including:
  - Educating the public to increase the public's understanding of where to go for help. The hope is to get more businesses involved and to identify where businesses are already meeting, such as the Chamber of Commerce.
  - A second goal is to collect more evidence-based information to decrease the stigma around addiction.
- **Youth:** Zach Miley, co-chair of the Youth subcommittee indicated the goal of the Youth subcommittee is to increase education outreach in the community and in educational settings. There is also a goal of increasing youth involvement in the Opiate Task Force. Mr. Craig announced an Opiate Task Force Youth subcommittee meeting has been scheduled from 3:00-4:30 pm on March 27, 2017. Everyone, including youth, is invited to attend.
- **Families:** Michael Cohen, chair of the Families subcommittee, indicated the subcommittee is going to address stigma with a consistent message and understanding of terminology. Funding is needed to educate families to reduce stigma, strengthen support networks for treatment resources and where to go for treatment. It was reiterated that a consistent message and education is needed.
- **Policy-Advocacy:** Leah Jones from Senator Sherrod Brown's office addressed the three goals of the Policy & Advocacy subcommittee, including:
  - Increasing the use of evidence-based practices, QRT, and transitional housing. To accomplish this, there will need to be increased data collection and dissemination for best practices and funding to further utilize best practices.
  - Another goal is to increase support by legislative representatives on the Opiate Task Force.
  - The third goal is to implement a plan on effective approaches for legislation. Mr. Craig added that legislation that conforms to the needs of our community is needed. The joint Medicaid oversight committee is open to considering funding for the Opiate Task Force. A team will be put together to offer testimony on March 14<sup>th</sup> or March 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Craig and Ms. Jones expressed their appreciation for everyone's efforts as we continue to battle this epidemic.

**DATA DASHBOARD:** Eric Hutzell, Research and Quality Improvement Coordinator for the County of Summit ADM Board presented the findings of the [March 8, 2017 Data Dashboard](#).

- New Dashboard items include the ADM Addiction Help Line and Quick Response Team (QRT) data.

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- Emergency Room visits for Drug Overdoses show there were 235 visits in 2016. Preliminary data from the Medical Examiner's office was reviewed; however they are 4-6 months behind.
- Official Drug Overdose Deaths for 2016 show 101 deaths resulted from Fentanyl, 86 from Opiates, 48 from Heroin, and 28 from Carfentanil.
- Data of Summit County Opiate Overdoses by Fire and Police Department Responses show there were 858 overdoses with 348 Naloxone reversals reported by 12 participating police and fire agencies in quarter two of 2016. Quarter three of 2016 shows 313 overdoses with 85 Naloxone reversals from five reporting agencies. Quarter four of 2016 shows 247 overdoses and 385 reversals with data from seven police and fire agencies reporting.
- Residential and Detox wait times have gone down significantly from January through March 2017. Residential wait times are 26 days for females and 28 days for males, as opposed to 51 days in 2016. There is currently no waitlist for detox.
- ADM Addiction Helpline received 326 calls with 133 appointments set as of February 17, 2017. Six providers are currently piloting the Helpline. The average wait for an appointment is 7.5 days. Last year the average wait for an assessment was 51 days.
- In 2015, 524 received overdose education and 354 received a D.A.W.N. kit. In 2016, 808 received overdose education and 621 received a D.A.W.N. kit. These numbers do not include Edwin Shaw. Mary Alice Sonnhalter, Manager of Community Relations, noted that information about Project D.A.W.N. is on page 11 of the [Addiction Resource Guide](#), which was recently published as an insert in the March 2017 issue of Akron Life Magazine.
- QRT implementation began on January 17, 2017 in the cities of Cuyahoga Falls, Green, Tallmadge, Norton, Barberton, Stow and Akron. Cities with QRT represent about 80% of overdoses that occurred in 2016.

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Speaker's Bureau Training** – Please contact Lucky Tisch ([tischl@admboard.org](mailto:tischl@admboard.org) or 330-762-3500) if there are any events or groups that need a speaker.
- **April 12th Sam Quinones Event**
- **Save the Date - May 9th - Preview of Generation Found documentary** – Ms. Sonnhalter encouraged everyone to attend this outreach event.
- **May 20th ADM Recovery Challenge 5k**

#### **Committee Schedules:**

- **Healthcare Committee**
- **Criminal Justice Tuesday, May 9th, 2:30-4:00 pm at SC Juvenile Court**
- **Public Awareness**
- **Youth – Monday, March 27, 3:00-4:30 pm at the ADM Board**
- **Families – Tuesday, March 28th, 3p-4:30 pm at ADM Board**
- **Policy & Advocacy Committee- March 8th 3:00 pm at ADM Board**
- **Speakers' Bureau Training – Tuesday, March 21, 4:00 pm at ADM Board**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm**, in the Summit County Public Health Auditorium (1867 W. Market St., Akron 44313)

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