

# Summit County Opiate Task Force

## Key Stakeholders Annual Meeting

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



## MEETING NOTES 6/25/2018

### ATTENDEES:

63 Community Stakeholders were in attendance.

### MEETING MATERIALS:

The following meeting materials were distributed: Agenda, Data Dashboard Handouts, Informational Brief: Development of a Collegiate Recovery Community, Keys to the Heart event flyer, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ride Against Addiction flyer, Smart Recovery – Recovery Groups brochure, Addiction Resource Guide

### GENERAL UPDATES:

China Darrington, the Opiate Task Force Project Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- **United Way Opiate Leadership Council** – No report given.
- **IMAT Opiate Sequential Intercept Mapping Initiative** – No report given.
- **Green Drug Task Force Report** – No report was given. Justin Leonti was unable to attend, but provided a report indicating there will be an Alternatives to Opioids in Pain Treatment public meeting on October 3, 2018. More details will be given as the date grows closer.
- **Drug Safe Hudson Task Force Report** - Jamie Messenger, the Hudson Drug and Alcohol Community Resource Specialist, was unable to attend the meeting. It was reported that the Task force continues to distribute Deterra bags and is working on closing the gap for getting services. Call 330-822-HELP for more information. The group is also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- **Summit County Public Health** - Angela Genet, Summit County Public Health Coordinator, reported on the expansion of Summit Safe needle exchange program and Project DAWN.
  - *Expansion of Summit Safe Needle Exchange Program* – Syringe exchange services are offered at SCPH during the same hours of Project DAWN every Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. No appointment is needed.
  - *Expansion of Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone)* – A second clinic is now open at 1400 S. Arlington Street, #28, Akron 44306. The clinic hours are from 3:00-6:00 pm every Wednesday. Since it opened in April 2018, 95 Narcan kits have been given out, with 33 reported reversals. A total of 416 Narcan kits with 63 reported reversals have been distributed by Public Health. A third site in Kenmore will be opening soon.

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## **DATA DASHBOARD**

- Emergency Room visits for Drug Overdoses show 2018 numbers are now falling below 2016 and 2017 numbers. One hundred and twelve (112) emergency room visits for drug overdoses were reported in March 2018. Eighty-two (82) overdoses were reported in April 2018. One hundred and four (104) overdoses were reported in May 2018 and so far eighty have been reported.
- Preliminary data suggests there could be up to 41 drug overdose deaths in 2018 (1/1/2018 to 6/15/2018) and the official count for total drug overdose deaths that occurred in 2017 in Summit County as of 3/5/2018 is 224.
- The OARRS (Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System) report continues to show a similar decline in Opioid Doses Dispensed per capita to Ohio patient by County and Quarter as in Montgomery County, which has a similar population to Summit County.
- The number of people who were educated about DAWN kits in 2018 is currently at 247, 222 people received a DAWN kit, and there were 23 known reversals.
- The wait time for detox continues to be at zero (0) due to the County of Summit ADM increasing capacity, which eliminated a wait for Summit County residents.
- Residential wait times were reduced to at 26 days for men and 24 for females in Q1 of 2018.
- Quick Response Team (QRT) data shows 33% received services after their visit in 2018 based on annual reports. The currently monthly average for 2018 is 22% or fifty nine (59) people to date. In 2017 monthly reports show 15% of those visited by QRT received services. The results in Summit County are close to national data for 2017.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Policy & Advocacy Committee** – Ms. Darrington reported the goals of the Policy and Advocacy subcommittee are to identify strategic initiatives and programs proven to work and advocate for their adoption. Another goal is to develop a plan to engage philanthropic business and legislative support of funding or rules that support our community. There are currently 30 opiate related bills on the house floor for consideration. The Policy and Advocacy committee is focusing on the following legislation:
  - Improving the [Good Samaritan Law](#) to ensure that individuals who experience an overdose are following through with treatment recommendations.
  - [HB117](#) – Establishing Opioid Antagonist Therapy for Supervised Offenders
  - HB167 - SB119- Opioid Prescription and Addiction Treatment
  - [SB66](#) - Expungement.
  - [SB154](#) – State of Emergency
  - [Next Policy & Advocacy subcommittee meeting: July 12, 2018 at 3:30PM at the ADM Board offices.](#)
- **Family Supports** – Ms. Darrington indicated that the group met at [Cross Life Church](#). The group is focusing on the following goals:
  - Increasing education for families on addiction as a chronic disease and treatment resources
  - Increase support resources available to families.
- **Public Awareness** – Darryl Brake, Executive Director of Community Partnership of Summit County reported that the Public Awareness committee revisited its goals which are to:

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- Improve the public's understanding of where and how to get help for substance use disorders.
- Increase engagement of people with substance use disorders in treatment. There will be an upcoming public awareness campaign in an effort to decrease stigma.
- Increase awareness and involvement of the business community. Mr. Brake indicated that addiction affects the bottom line of all companies.
- **Criminal Justice** - Jack Davis, Chief of Police, City of Cuyahoga Falls, announced the goal of the committee is to reduce access to heroin and other illegal opioids. The original goal was to get DAWN kits to first responders, which has been largely accomplished. The committee is also working on a better way to measure success and continually improving ways to reduce fatalities.
  - [Next Criminal Justice meeting: August 14, 2018 at 2:30PM \(Summit County Juvenile Court, 650 Dan St Akron OH 44310 Conf Room A/B\).](#)
- **Healthcare Committee** – Dana Nelson, Akron Children's Hospital Administrative Director, Maternal Fetal Medicine, reported that Akron Children's began seeing an increase in babies born with Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in 2009, and they began working on how to best help mothers and their babies. Phase I of the committee's mission is to develop a seamless path to addiction services and recovery that includes adequate capacity of detoxification and residential treatment services. To help with that goal, Stephanie Strader has been brought on as the new Program Manager of the Substance Use Disorder Program at Akron Children's Hospital. It was also noted that adult services detox and residential services are down, but there has been an uptick in cocaine.
  - Douglas Smith, MD, County of Summit ADM Board Chief Clinical Officer noted that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Current Concepts in Integrated Health Care Conference will be held at Hilton Fairlawn on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Ms. Darrington also mentioned there was recently an article in the Akron Beacon Journal regarding a [new pilot program for coordination of care at Barberton ER](#).
  - Next Healthcare Committee meeting: July 25, 2018 at 3PM (Akron Children's Hospital – Maternal Fetal Medicine Considine Building – Suite 5500)
- **Youth and Young Adults** - Updates are as follows:
  - **Community Support Team:** Kimberly Patton reported that the group is reviewing existing addiction and mental health resources and identifying what addiction services are needed. The group hopes to develop an app to help individuals access those services and sober activities.
  - **Recovery High School Team Update:** A proposal for a new recovery high school has been developed. Funding and a champion for the project are needed to bring the project to fruition.
  - **School Supports Team:** The group recently compiled 40 surveys about support, including what is available now and what is needed. A school based prevention matrix is being updated as a resource. The group will be meeting again on June 26, 2018 to strategize.

The next quarterly meeting of the Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee will take place on September 5, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the SCPH Auditorium.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- David Monter and Nicole Minor of the University of Akron [Roos in Recovery](#) program announced there would be a picnic on July 21 on the University's campus that is open to

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anyone in recovery. The group's focus is on hope and is a platform for social engagement providing for an authentic collegiate experience.

- Ms. Darrington asked that everyone like, share and submit information on the [Summit County Opiate Taskforce Facebook](#) page. The link will be sent to everyone on the Opiate Task Force distribution list.
- Aimee Wade, County of Summit ADM Board Associate Director of Clinical Services announced that the 2018 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey is being completed in partnership with Case Western Reserve University. Case will be meeting with all the Summit County schools to gear up for the 2018 survey. An 80% response rate was received last year.
- Jackie Kell, a chronic pain sufferer, spoke about the restrictive prescription policies in Ohio and said there has been an increase in suffering, depression and suicide in the chronic pain community.
- Scott Smith spoke about SMART Recovery groups which meet every Thursday from 7-8:30 pm at 101 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Suite D, Barberton OH 44201. For more information call 330-617-8968
- Catey Breck Colon from [Congressman Tim Ryan](#)'s office and Leah Jones from [Senator Sharrod Brown](#)'s office reported that there is bipartisan support of several initiatives including expanding Medicaid programs and MAT. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for updates with their elected officials.
- Brenda Ryan announced there would be a Keys to the Heart event to support grieving children and families who have been affected by the opiate crisis on August 5, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Cuyahoga Falls Moose Lodge. More information can be found on the [Keys to Serenity Facebook page](#).

**NEXT OTF MEETING DATE:** Monday, September 17, 2018 (All Meetings begin at 4PM)

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