



Summit County Opiate & Addiction Task Force

HEALTHCARE SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Meeting Time: 4-5PM

MEETING NOTES

1. Attendees – Seven (7)
2. Maternal/Neonatal Updates
 - a. Talia Brown from Akron Children’s Hospital says that Adolescent Addiction Medicine department is running and is busy but has capacity.
 - b. China Darrington & Talia Brown talked about the partnership between Akron Children’s Special Care Nursery and Catholic Charities to provide peer recovery coaches to the patients who need it who have babies identified with substance related issues at birth. Will work with the families to provide support and help navigate services.
3. Adult/Addiction Services
 - a. Sean Blake from Portage Path Behavioral Health stated that PPBH has a new men’s trauma group and dual diagnosis group and has plenty of capacity and is accepting referrals.
4. Education & Training
 - a. 8th Annual Integrated_Care Conference on 11/6/21 all day. We will have CE credits for all clinicians. Topics will include (at least):
 - i. Stimulant Abstinence Syndrome
 - ii. How to Prevent or Reduce Weight Gain and Other Side Effects of Antipsychotic Medications
 - iii. Medical Hypnosis in 2021
 - iv. Anxiety Disorders
 - v. Opiate epidemic updates
 - vi. Alcoholic Liver Disease
 - vii. Wernicke Encephalopathy

5. Legislative Updates

- a. Federal – (Executive) As Opioid Deaths Surge, Biden Team Moves To Make Buprenorphine Treatment Mainstream
<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/27/990997759/as-opioid-deaths-surge-biden-team-moves-to-make-buprenorphine-treatment-mainstre>
 - b. Federal – (FDA) FDA Approves Higher Dosage of Naloxone Nasal Spray to Treat Opioid Overdose
 - c. Federal – (Senate, Portman) On Senate Floor, Portman Discusses Addiction Epidemic and Legislation to Reverse Overdose Surge
<https://www.portman.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/senate-floor-portman-discusses-addiction-epidemic-and-legislation-reverse>
 - d. State – Budget has everything at a standstill. Should have it passed by end of June
 - e. State - HB 9 Dextromethorphan Sales (Koehler, K.) To prohibit sales of dextromethorphan without a prescription to persons under age 18. 5/5/2021 Committee Hearing in Senate Health: North Hearing Rm. 9:00 a.m.-3rd Hearing- All Testimony
 - f. State - SB 30 Awareness Day (Dolan, M.) - To designate August 31 as "Ohio Overdose Awareness Day." 5/6/2021 Committee Hearing in House House Behavioral Health & Recovery Supports: Rm. 116 9:30 a.m.-2nd Hearing- Proponent Testimony
6. Access & Dispensing – no updates available
- a. Data Dashboard from March 2021 -
https://www.summitcountyaddictionhelp.org/Data/Sites/19/meeting-notes/scoatf_pqm/scoatf_datadashboard_031521.pdf
7. Strategic Plan – FINAL
- a. Governance workgroup – **need volunteers** for a May 27, 2010 at 1pm. Email Project Coordinator, China Darrington at china@xix-recovery.org to sign up.
Please!
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 4PM
- a. 2021 Meeting dates: ~~2/3, 5/5~~, 8/4, 11/3
9. Public Quarterly Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 4-5:30PM