



Harm Reduction Subcommittee  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
4PM – 5PM

## MEETING NOTES

1. Intros and Welcomes
  - a. 7 attendees
2. Summit Safe Syringe Exchange
  - a. OH Pharmacy Board response to “Can a pharmacist sell syringes OTC without a RX”
    - i. Discretion is up to the pharmacist, but it is permitted.
    - ii. What should happen?
      1. Information that pharmacist has permission from the OH Board of Pharmacy and benefits to harm reduction.
      2. Barry Klien (Klein Pharmacy and Pharm inside CSS)
        - a. Believer in harm reduction
        - b. Try to reach out to him (Chrissy Gashash)
      3. AccessPoint
        - a. Runs their own pharmacy
        - b. Close to the people we serve\
        - c. Norman Tipton/Chris Richardson (CHC) possibly reach out to them.
      4. PPBH
        - a. Internal pharmacy as well
        - b. China will reach out to Sean Blake
      5. Ohio Council – follow up with Chrissy regarding this.
    - iii. Ohio Department of Health – Harm Reduction Subcommittee (Injury Prevention)
      1. Jackie Pollard is chair
      2. Will reach out to see what has been done and what is the challenge
  - b. Going through a lot of needles and naloxone at the syringe exchange
    - i. Change in pharmacy board rules to have service entities be able to distribute naloxone.
    - ii. Has helped get naloxone out into the community through more access and providers
    - iii. Given out 600 of the 1000 naloxone kits in the “hot spot” areas.
      1. Given out to the Assembly of God flea market

3. Narcotictica podcast for harm reduction – <https://narcocast.com/>
4. Rhode Island opened a safe consumption site as a “overdose prevention” site. – <https://ricares.org/ops/>
5. One sheeters with a call to action – China will draft.
6. [Ohio Overdose Awareness Day](#) – August 31
  - a. [Ohio Steps of Change /OD Awareness Day](#)
    - i. The pavilion in Cuyahoga Falls
    - ii. August 31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) –
  - b. Lizzies Legacy – in Norton
  - c. [Keys to Serenity – Kids event](#) the Saturday before OD Awareness day. (August 28)
  - d. 291 OD deaths in 2020 in Summit County
  - e. Denise Thomas from the United Way is willing to promote all events.
7. [Opioid Healing Fund](#) – through the Akron Community Foundation from \$500k received from the SC Opioid Abatement Settlement fund for ROSC initiatives.
  - a. Prefer grassroots organizations
8. Next subcommittee meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 4pm (IN PERSON)
9. Next Public Quarterly Meeting (via Zoom) – Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 4PM