



Summit County Opiate & Addiction Task Force

HARM REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: January 20, 2021 @ 4PM

## MEETING NOTES

### 1: Welcome & Introductions

#### A: Attendees (5)

- China Darrington (SCOATF)
- Megan Smith (ADM)
- Kay Wirth (SCPH)
- Leslie Wood (KSU)
- Norman Tipton (Blick)

### 2: Strategic Plan

#### A: Goals & Objectives (See next page or link)

### 3: Recruitment ideas

#### A: Who would be a good idea to invite to the table?

#### B: Agencies/Organizations/Grassroots efforts

#### C: Increase diversity

### 4: New Business

#### A: Harm Reduction 101 Presentation

- Get from Jackie Pollard once she's back and present for review at the upcoming March meeting.
- Work with Public Awareness subcommittee to find ways of getting the message out in the Summit County community

- Volunteers:
  - Kay Wirth
  - Megan Smith
  - Leslie Wood
  - Norman Tipton
  - China Darrington

B: Summit Safe Syringe Exchange has had the volume at their four weekly clinics double or triple. One reason is that participants are saying that Walgreen's and Walmart are not asking for a prescription to buy syringes.

- Work on outreach to pharmacies to highlight why safe syringes are needed and to combat stigma.

C: Start County Syringe Exchange has closed due to covid and now Stark County residents are coming up to Summit for supplies.

5: 2021 Meeting Dates: 1/20, 3/17, 5/19, 7/21, 9/15 & 11/17

6: Public Quarterly Meetings: 3/15, 6/14, 9/13, 12/13

7: Closing

Goal	Objective	Action Steps	Timeline	Responsible Party
Goal 3: Create a harm reduction presentation to be able to take to the community to inform and confront the myths surrounding harm reduction principles	1.1: Take existing presentation from SCPH and modify it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create presentation</li> <li>• Modify presentation</li> <li>• Review</li> <li>• Approve</li> <li>• Publish</li> <li>• Distribute</li> </ul>	2021	SCPH HR Subcommittee membership Project Coordinator
Goal 2: Make a comprehensive inventory of harm reduction strategies	2.1: Create a strategy of dissemination to county-based treatment/prevention agencies.	Review Approve within committee		Jackie Pollard Kay Wirth (Co-Chairs)
Goal 1: Build comprehensive strategies for Summit County to implement	3.1: Work with Public Awareness subcommittee regularly (bi-monthly at least) comprehensive strategies for Summit County to implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designate delegates to attend/work with Public Awareness subcommittee</li> <li>• Get strategy inventory published on website</li> <li>• Work with speakers bureau</li> <li>• Lather, Rinse, Repeat</li> </ul>	2021  2022  2023	Denise Thomas Project Coordinator
Goal 4: Create opportunities for dialogue, action and solutions for individuals who have disproportionately been negatively impacted by societal, legal, race, social class, and health inequities	4.1: Develop “consumers group” with syringe exchange to find out what people actively involved in SUD need to reduce harm and tell us what they need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with SCPH to find out strategies for attending syringe exchanges and develop a consumers group.</li> </ul>		Shannon Stanley Project Coordinator

related to substance use				
	4.2: Make it easy for consumers to participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with technology to make consumer friendly</li> </ul>		Project Coordinator
	4.3 Spectrum of activities: World Aids Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drive through events</li> <li>• Work with CSS to partner?</li> <li>• Partner with Public Awareness to increase</li> </ul>		Harm reduction membership
	4.4 Schedule two events a year that support harm reduction and create opportunity for dialog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEUs through SCPH</li> <li>• Online training events</li> </ul>		SCPH Co-Chairs

SCOATF 2020 Strategic Plan Documents:

The current [strategic plan](#) (completed in 2020) provides an overview of the work of the task force to date as well as plans for future endeavors.

- [Strategic Direction Summary Report](#)
- [Operational Plan](#)
- [Gantt Chart for Priority Areas](#)

**04:00 PM - 05:00 PM**

**[SCOATF: Harm Reduction](#)**

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