

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday November 4, 2011
Noon – 1:30
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Natalie Bollon, ADAMHS Board
Ken Fanty, Community Member
Fran Gerbig, Personal and Family Counseling Services
Dianne Oliver, Dianne Oliver Consulting
Dave Ramsell, Grantstreet Creative
Judge Elizabeth Thomakos, Common Pleas
Rich VanArsdalen, A New Beginning
Sheriff Walt Wilson, Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office
Ellen Blair, Community Member
Pam Trimmer, Personal and Family Counseling Services
Debra Wilden, Trinity Hospital Twin City
Aris Moden, Community Member
Dr. Jim Hubert, Tuscarawas County Coroner

Meeting Summary:

Natalie Bollon opened the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Introductions were completed. Fran Gerbig provided a brief overview of the success of the Coalitions involvement in the Tuscarawas County Halloween Parade. Tentative plans were made to participate next year and purchase 1000 treat bags to be handed out. The committee was made aware of the attached minutes from the October Coalition meeting.

Dave Ramsell provided an overview and demonstration of the Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition website and elicited feedback from the group. Suggestions were made regarding including AA and Sober Support meetings as well as a link to the Carroll County Anti-Drug Coalition website. New information that is deemed newsworthy and potentially could be included on the website will be forwarded to Dave Ramsell at artist@grantstreetcreative.com.

Dave Ramsell also discussed the quarterly Electronic Newsletter. The committee decided to assign responsibilities for content on a quarterly basis versus creating a team to complete the newsletter. Any information that members believe could be included should be forwarded to Dave Ramsell and he will maintain for future newsletters. Fran Gerbig will forward the quarterly ATOD alerts and prevention information she receives to Dave Ramsell for review and inclusion.

The members decided the first newsletter will be completed in January 2012. Sheriff Wilson agreed to write an article on bath salts for the first newsletter,

specifically indicating the bizarre thoughts and behaviors encountered by law enforcement related to individuals on bath salts. The Sheriff also agreed to speak to an individual who has used the substance to write a first-hand account of the effect of bath salts.

Dianne Oliver reviewed the updated planning model and indicated she had added that part of our strategy should include advocating for policy change. This was agreeable to the Coalition members. *At the December meeting, the committee will vote to approve the final copy of the Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Planning Model.* The committee also discussed inviting a representative from a local fire department to participate in the Coalition.

Dr. Hubert discussed local information related to substance abuse, specifically bath salts, through his experience as the county coroner. He also provided information regarding the medical marijuana initiative, or Ohio House Bill 214. The Coalition members discussed this and determined the members will decide in December whether to take a position on the medical marijuana initiative during the December meeting.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Friday, December 2 at the ADAMHS Board.

Meeting adjourned.