Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting Friday February 3, 2012, Noon ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Jaynie Norman, citizen Debra Wilden, Trinity-Twin City Hospital Natalie Bollon, ADAMHS Board Steven Pompey, Community Corrections Dianne Oliver, Consultant Brian Kress, ADAMHS Board Ken Fanty, citizen Jodi Salvo, Personal and Family Counseling Services Star Jones, Personal and Family Counseling Services Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board Walt Wilson, Sheriff Orvis Campbell, Sheriff's Office Dave Ramsell, Grant Street Creative Dorothy Yoder, Alcohol and Addiction Program Cindy Laughlin, ECOESC Randall Cadle, ECOESC

Meeting Summary:

Sheriff Wilson called the meeting to order.

Youth Council (YC) Update: Six youth and their families were invited to attend an introductory/organizational meeting at the Sheriff's Office. Only one student was able to attend and is currently a freshman at Central Catholic. He was very insightful and shared a number of excellent ideas for generating additional youth participation. It was suggested that the Coalition reach out directly to school district administrators and ask them to assign a representative to each YC. D. Schaffer reported that he met with staff at the Educational Service Center and they had indicated a willingness to assist with this effort. R. Cadle and C. Laughlin offered to assist in drafting a letter to principals to request youth participation in this effort. Sheriff Wilson will host a meeting during the week of February 20.

Anti-Drug Coalition Grant Request: D. Schaffer reported that there is a grant applicant bidders' conference in Maryland scheduled for the week of February 6 and he is not able to attend. If any other coalition members are interested in attending, please let Dave know as soon as possible. He reported that the ADAMHS Board is working on the grant and will attempt to have a draft prepared for the March meeting. The deadline for submission is March 22. Dave asked Coalition members to contact their legislators to impress upon them the importance of Tuscarawas County receiving this grant. It was suggested that a postcard be developed with the contact information for the local legislators and what we are asking them to support. These postcards can be given to anyone who might be willing to make a call on behalf of the grant request.

Performance Plan: Dianne Oliver reviewed a draft of the performance plan that she developed based on the outcomes established by the Coalition in the fall. The performance plan will help track progress toward meeting objectives set forth by the Coalition. She asked coalition members to review the plan and to e-mail her with any additional information other than what is contained in the community assessment report. Year-end 2011 data would be the most useful. Dianne's e-mail address is dkaoliver@msn.com.

OARRS Training: D. Schaffer reported that Union Hospital agreed to host an OARRS training for physicians sometime during the first quarter. Training coordinators from both Union and Trinity Twin City Hospitals will likely assist in scheduling and organizing this training. This led to some discussion about other strategies for reducing prescription drug abuse. Signage will be developed for physicians and pharmacies — "We use the OARRS System" as a deterrent for drug seekers. It was noted that a reduction in distribution through prescriptions should cause a spike in treatment referrals. It might also cause a spike in heroin use.

Take Back Events: There was discussion about holding take back events at the Senior Center. It was suggested that these be treated as educational opportunities as well for the seniors.

Public Relations and Marketing: The newsletter is nearly finished. Banners and the OARRS signage will be available soon. Posters from the "Don't Get Me Started" campaign were distributed. This is a statewide campaign to distribute posters to convenience stores and other organizations, each with a QR code linking to an individual story. Members should let Dave know of any and all businesses willing to post any of the marketing materials.

Medical Marijuana: Two organizations are currently organizing statewide ballot initiatives in support of marijuana as medicine. The position of the Drug Free Action Alliance is that any form of medical treatment shouldn't be subjected to approval by voters rather it should be subjected to rigorous clinical trials under the guidance of the FDA. A formal position on this issue will be presented to the Coalition in March for approval.

Other Announcements: Jaynie Norman announced that Fry's Valley Church is willing to make space available for substance abuse programming.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Next Meeting: Friday March 2, noon at the ADAMHS Board