

**Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting  
Friday, October 4, 2013  
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room**

Present:

Natalie Bollon, ADAMHS Board  
Jodi Salvo, PFCS  
Bill Harding, TCGHD  
Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board  
Jayne Norman, Citizen  
Jim Hubert, Coroner, TCHD  
Meghan Millea, The Times-Reporter  
Dee Phillips, Citizen Member  
Amy Miller, The Employment Source  
Nanette Roberson, Community Mental Health

**Meeting Summary:**

Natalie Bollon called the meeting to order in the absence of Co-Chairs Orvis Campbell and Judge Thomakos at 12:08 p.m. Introductions were made.

**Committee Updates:**

**Youth** – J. Salvo reported that PFCS, T4C and TCHD have Prevention Education programs in place for 2013-14 school year servicing grades 3-8<sup>th</sup>. Anita Davis is working with Tusky Valley Middle School to speak at an assembly during October/Red Ribbon Month and the Youth Committee is planning to be present at assembly to recruit for Tusky Valley Youth-to-Youth. Salvo also reported that the youth were actively engaged in discussions at the ADC table during the Tuscarawas County Fair.

**Data Collection/Grants**- No additional grants available at this time.

**Employment** – A. Miller reported that The Employment Source has been receiving an increase in job orders and with these job orders more and more require drug testing. The inability for persons to be able to pass drug screens is a barrier to fill job orders and to find employment for job seekers.

**Public Relations** – D. Schaffer reported that the ADC will have the lead car in the Halloween Parade and will be passing out bags with the ADC and Dover Exchange Clubs logo. We will need a few volunteers to meet at Dover High School at 5:30 pm. Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Medical** – N. Bollon read a year-to-date summary that was provided by Katie Robinson, Union Hospital Emergency Room Director. She reported that from January 2013-September 2013 there have been 39 overdoses that were treatable and did not result in death. Eight percent were the results of benzodiazepines, less than two percent were the

result of heroin and alcohol was identified in only one case. The majority of the overdoses were related to psychotropic medications (i.e. anti-psychotics and anti-depressants) Mrs. Robinson could not speculate whether these were suicides or accidental overdoses. Two overdoses did result in death and both were from heroin. Mrs. Robinson stated that individuals that expire outside of the hospital related to an overdose are not included in this data. She also noted that an increase in overdoses is typically seen during the holidays which would not yet be captured in this data.

**Legislative** – Dr. Hubert brought up Senate Bill 57 which has a pilot program in Lorain County regarding Naloxone administration to persons suffering from opioid-related overdoses. The Legislative Committee will be tracking this program as Dr. Hubert has concerns about this Bill. D. Schaffer briefly discussed the present status of Medicaid expansion and encouraged the ADC to communicate with members of the Ohio House and Senate regarding expansion of the Medicaid Program in Ohio. An e-mail was sent out to all ADC members to assist with advocacy.

### **Agency/Community Updates:**

1. N. Bollon discussed the success of the *Bearing the Weight of a Loved One's Addiction* series and those who attended from the ADC were all in agreement. The series was well attended and well received. The response from the attendees indicate that there is a need to provide continued support and education to the community.
2. J. Salvo has spoken to Copley/Bath Police Department to discuss some available dates for the *Hidden In Plain Sight*, awareness program for parents/other adults. This program will bring an interactive exhibit designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom. It contains 150+ items which may be indicative of risky behavior; it is accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation and discussion.
3. J. Salvo reported that the ADC was unable to set up an unmanned booth at the Celebrate Recovery event last month due to the current content of the ADC booth materials. She felt that we might need to create a pamphlet or material that might be appropriate for such events in the future.
4. N. Roberson reported that Community Mental Health will be starting a Substance Abuse Treatment Group at the Homeless Shelter.
5. N. Bollon discussed a grant opportunity through the OhioMHAS. The Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Linkage Grant is seeking collaborative community proposals for pilot projects that would provide best practices in linking criminally involved people across systems with community-based behavioral health. The intent of linking behavioral health and criminal justice is to reduce state and local correction costs and reduce recidivism while promoting public safety and behavioral health treatment.
6. J. Salvo reported that she will be attending the Drug Free Action Alliance/SPCA "411 on 420" - a two day conference dealing with the Marijuana Issue and will update the ADC on conference content.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2013 at the ADAMHS Board office.