

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday, July 12, 2013, Noon
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Elizabeth Thomakos, TC Court of Common Pleas
Bill Harding, TCGHD
Brian Kress, ADAMHS Board
Jodi Salvo, PFCS
Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board
Debra Wilden, Trinity Hospital
Steve Pompey, Community Corrections
Stacy Martin, Community Corrections
Natalie Bollon, ADAMHS Board
Jayne Norman, Citizen
Ken Fanty, Citizen
Jim Hubert, Coroner, TCHD
Wendy Jones, NP Municipal Court

Meeting Summary:

Judge Thomakos called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

Committee Updates:

Youth – J. Salvo reported limited activity due to summer break. She reported PFCS is taking this time to ensure their prevention program is aligned with evidence based practices and federal guidelines. Salvo also indicated she is spending time attending trainings focusing on coalition development and the development of youth-led prevention.

Salvo engaged the ESC/Cindy Laughlin in coalition efforts to begin in September. C. Laughlin will work with the youth committee to educate and involve superintendents and guidance counselors in coalition activities and youth-led prevention. Laughlin will also facilitate gathering data from local districts.

Grants – D. Shaffer reported there are no additional grants available at this time.

Employment – J. Salvo and E. Barr (Recovery to Work Program) completed a training for staff at the Employment Source.

Public Relations – J. Salvo reported Meghan Millea from the Times Reporter is assigned to cover coalition activities and meetings and will begin to attend on a monthly basis. It is anticipated that she will provide coverage on the ATOD alerts, local statistics, prevention and intervention efforts, etc.

The TCADC decals for the drug drop boxes have been completed. O. Campbell and E. Thomakos will conjointly complete a press release regarding this topic.

Medical – D. Wilden shared the document the Trinity Twin City medical group is now sharing with patients which covers provider and client expectations regarding the prescribing and use of opiates and under which circumstances services will discontinue. Wilden reported there is collaboration between Union Hospital and Trinity to impact potential drug seeking behavior by individuals utilizing each hospital's ER.

Legislative – D. Schaffer briefly discussed the present status of Medicaid expansion.

Agency/Community Updates:

D. Schaffer provided an update regarding the Problem Gambling and Addiction Funds. Plans for the funding remain focused on purchasing the services of J. Salvo/PFCS as Coalition Coordinator through FY 14. The balance of FY 13 4th quarter allocation is targeted for the purchase of items and radio spots to increase public awareness of drug and alcohol prevention.

It is expected that the I Spy room will be in Tuscarawas County this summer. Pat Kelly, from the Alcohol and Addiction Program, is working with Muskingum Behavioral Healthcare to arrange the display and presentation locally.

N. Bollon discussed the *Bearing the Weight of a Loved One's Addiction* series held June 27, 2013. Attendance increased to 44 community members, many of whom were repeat attendees. The final meeting is scheduled for September 26 but attendees are requesting meetings continue via the feedback forms. Plans to address this will be discussed with the Board and provider agencies participating in the education series.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2013 at the ADAMHS Board office.