

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday, January 8, 2016
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Jodi Salvo, PFCS
Dick Gooding, GN&L, Business Sector Rep.
Christine Jones, New Life Counseling
Sam Hitchcock, NP City Council
Marcia Stuart, Community Hospice & PFCS
Richard Miller, Parent Rep.
Natalie Bollon, ADAHMS
Connie Limbacher, Citizen Member
Felecia Tucker, Pheonix Rising & New Beginnings
Star Jones, PFCS
Dave Shaffer, ADAHMS, Govt. Rep.
Alex Numbers, Union Hospital
Rich VanArsdalen, New Beginnings
Bill Harding, Citizen Member
Kim Rykse, PFCS, Youth Rep.
Trisha Kosmides, DHS Y2Y, YAB & Student Rep.
Cheryl Ramos, BCC & NP City Council

J. Salvo opened the meeting at noon and welcomed attendees and introductions were made with 17 people present.

Tricia Kosmides Youth Sector Representative representing Dover High School Youth to Youth (Y2Y) and the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) reported out youth led prevention efforts. At present 5 schools (Dover, New Philadelphia, Tusky Valley, Claymont and Carrollton) have youth led prevention groups and all schools now have students on the YAB. The YAB accepts up to 6 student leaders from each participating school district and requires an application and adult reference process. The YAB is currently working on efforts for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW) for schools and the community. NDAFW is January 25-30. They are also in process of creating an Y2Y video that will be shown at the PFCS Masquerade Ball, which will then be placed on social media sites and can be used to promote and seek funding for the YAB and participating schools. Kim Rykse the youth led prevention coordinator reported that the YAB is now meeting monthly at Union Hospital. Union Hospital has graciously offered their cafeteria and use of a conference room. Students and school staff are provided a free dinner and use of the conference room on a permanent basis. This is a wonderful partnership as the students feel valued by the community and the community is able to see the workings of the YAB as Union Staff attends first part of meeting. Trisha and Kim also discussed that the DHS Y2Y are going to place their prevention focus on Dover middle school.

J. Salvo presented a slide presentation which was an overview of the results from the 2015 Tuscarawas County Community Health Status Assessment. The student survey was administered, May 2015 to all school districts in Tuscarawas County. Questions were taken from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and additional questions were added per community agency/partner requests. Some findings were: only 10% of persons in Tuscarawas County knew how to and were disposing of prescription drugs properly. More prescription drug drop-off are needed but permanent drop off boxes need to be manned 24/7 which makes locations more difficult. Survey revealed that 33% of students drinking alcohol are

obtaining alcohol from their parents. More parent education is needed and with focus on social hosting laws. Results also indicated that parents are not talking to their children about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Other results revealed that e-cigarette use is surpassing cigarette use, students are drinking and riding in cars with those that have been drinking, smoking exposure information, perception of harm regarding marijuana is lower than it is of alcohol and tobacco and inhalant use at 9%.

ADC discussed survey information and decided that a meeting would need to be held prior to next ADC meeting to discuss prioritizing ADC efforts based off of data and will present areas of focus at February 5th ADC meeting. Meeting date and time to be sent out to ADC members.

Update on media was given that Facebook is being managed by Richard Miller and he is doing a great job getting information on site daily. Still working on getting information on the 2smarttostart website. We are in need of an ADC member to oversee the 2smart website to ensure that new information is weekly given to Grant Street Creative .

Connie Limbacher agreed to take minutes for ADC. Big thanks to Connie.

Community Update: New Al-Anon Group forming and will meet on Tuesdays from 8:00-9:00pm at Sharon Moravian Church at 4776 Moravian Church Road SE in New Philadelphia.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 5th at ADAMHS Board 12:00-1:00.