

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday, October 7, 2016
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Jodi Salvo, Personal & Family Counseling Services
Kerry Metzger, Commissioner
Diana Smith, Twin City Awareness
Natalie Bollon, ADAHMS Board
Dick Gooding, Gooding Landscape & Nursery
Bill Harding, Citizen
Christine Jones, New Life Counseling
Dode Overton, Pastor- New Life Church of God
Josh McDonald, Authentic Church
Rich VanArsdalen, Tusc. Co. Jail Chaplain
Mark Glennon, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Blake Norman, Citizen
Jaynie Norman, Citizen
Melissa Wucinick, TCHD/ Alcohol & Addictions Program
Connie Limbacher, Citizen
Christa Lewis, Community Mental Healthcare

Meeting Summary:

Jodi Salvo opened the meeting at noon on Friday, Oct. 7th, 2016 with 16 members present and introductions were made.

Youth Led Prevention. Youth Advisory Board and all districts are up and running. Planning underway for Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31st in all school districts. Commissioner Metzger invited students to October 20th commissioners meeting for Red Ribbon Week and the commissioners will make proclamation. A press release will be submitted to local papers and radio stations. Youth also will be receiving a training to present “pHARMING Effects”, the youth can use this presentation to educate the community about the dangers and consequences of prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Grant Opportunities. Salvo reported that we did not receive the Drug Free Communities grant. She did request to see grant score and will try again in 2017. We are awaiting to hear if we will be awarded the PFS/SPF Rural Appalachian grant to address underage drinking and prescription drug misuse ages 12-25. We also received \$500 for the SAMHSA-Communities Talk Town Hall meeting to address underage drinking to be spent by end of 2016. Discussions about reaching out to Judge Kate or Sylvia Argento on presenting to parents of children that have been involved with Juvenile Court. Natalie Bollon, Diana Smith and Jodi Salvo volunteered to meet and discuss planning of event.

Prescription Drug Disposal Initiative. National DEA Take Back Day is on Oct. 22nd. Take Backs will be held at Union and Twin City Hospitals, via Sheriff’s Office and Mercy Medical through Ohio State

Highway Patrol. ADC has partnered with Stark Wayne Recycling District and they are paying for radio ads, radio grams and placing press release about Take Back Day in Times Reporter. In addition, Salvo discussed the importance of Take Back Days and proper disposal on WJER's Conversation Corner. Three billboard are currently running; one in Twin City area, New Philadelphia and Dover. Connie Limbacher reported that all pharmacies that were willing to participate in disseminating information on the six permanent disposal sites have been given flyers to pass out to pharmacy customers. Limbacher is tracking number of flyers and keeping in contact with pharmacies.

Ohio "Medical Marijuana". If ADC members would want to closely follow the unfolding of Ohio's Medical Marijuana program, go to www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov and sign up for emails. Ohio's Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee is being appointed and Tony Codor from Drug Free Action Alliance will be on the committee and is a champion of prevention and is concerned about the negative impacts medical marijuana in its current state can have on communities. In Tuscarawas County some townships are considering moratoriums and other bans. In addition to the ordinances of Dover and New Philadelphia.

Faith Based Initiatives. There will be a Faith Leaders Conference on Oct. 21st at Cedarville College. This conference is to bring pastors and church leaders together to discuss how the church can be involved in the prevention of substance abuse and the support of persons and families struggling with addiction. Invitations for this event was sent out to all churches in Tuscarawas County. Pastor Dode also has drafted a letter to send out to all churches asking for churches to come together around this issue. At present, church leaders are meeting once a week to pray. Pastor Josh from the Authentic Church also presented information on an upcoming event, Nov. 6th "Drug Addiction Roundtable" that will be held at 1:00 at the Authentic Church training and office facility. ADC members were encouraged to share this information with their church leaders.

Tuscarawas United Awareness Rally. A rally review meeting was held and discussed lessons learned at 1st Annual Tuscarawas United Rally. During meeting it was discussed to try a 3-3 basketball tournament at next year's rally to try to engage the 20 something crowd. Next year's rally will be held on Sept. 9, 2015. Rally planning will begin in January 2017.

Hidden In Plain Site. Salvo, Smith and Officer Horner attended a training of trainers for the "Hidden In Plain Sight" program. Diana showed a PowerPoint presentation that included photos of exhibit and training. ADC discussed how this presentation can be used throughout the county to educate parents on how to talk to their teens and what to look for to prevent substance use. Training of ADC members were discussed and Salvo will send out an email on training date.

Halloween Parade. Parade is Wednesday, October 26th. The ADC will be partnering with Gerber and Sons and students from youth led prevention. Bags will be ordered with ADC logo, Lions Club logo and parenting tips card will be placed in bag. We will be in front of parade, let Jodi know if you are available to walk in the parade.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Next meeting will be held Friday, November 4th at 12:00 at ADAHMS Board