

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday, November 4, 2016
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Jodi Salvo, Personal & Family Counseling Services
Diana Smith, Twin City Awareness
Amy Miller, Youth Led Prevention, PFCS
Christa Lewis, Community Mental Healthcare
Mark Glennon, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Dode Overton, Pastor- New Life Church of God
Cheryl Ramos, New Philadelphia City Council
Kerry Metzger, Commissioner
Robert Preston, Community Member
Kim Rykse, Personal & Family Counseling Services
Natalie Bollon, ADAHMS Board
Connie Limbacher, Citizen Member
Miles Riley, Community Mental Healthcare
Dee Phillips, Citizen Member
Dick Gooding, Gooding Landscape & Nursery
Bill Harding, Citizen Member
Sam Hitchcock, City of New Philadelphia

Meeting Summary:

Jodi Salvo opened the meeting at 12:15 PM on Friday 4, 2016 with 17 members present and introductions were made.

Youth Led Prevention. Amy Miller was introduced as the Prevention Coordinator along with Kim Rykse. Amy reported on the “Red Ribbon Week” activities Oct. 23– 29th. Students representing 3 schools attended the Tuscarawas County Commissioners meeting on Oct 20th and a Proclamation was given. Various activities were done in 6 of the schools in Tuscarawas County. Students will also meet November 12th for “pHARMING Effects” presentation training. This presentation will be a vehicle that the youth led prevention students will use to educate other students and community member regarding dangers of prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Prescription Drug Disposal Initiatives. On Oct. 22nd, National DEA Drug Take Back Day, 3 take back opportunities were held throughout the county: Twin City Hospital, Union Hospital and Mercy Stat Care and sites were well utilized. We purchased 3 billboards which were placed throughout the county for the month of October to message the importance of proper disposal. Messaging went out throughout the county regarding 6 permanent disposal sites at police stations/sheriff’s office. Dusini Drug is also accepting unused prescription drugs. Pharmacies throughout the county also provided flyers to

customers throughout the month that included three reasons why to dispose and locations of drop of boxes throughout county.

Faith Based Initiative. Pastor Dode Overton reported on his dream and work of bringing the faith community together to combat issues related to drug use and addiction. He has been inviting people of faith to meet and pray each Thursday at his church and reported that last week 26 persons gathered to pray. They also showed a video, An Appalachian Dawn which documents how church leaders in an Appalachian community came together to combat the drug epidemic in their community and the outcomes of God blessing their efforts. There is also a Drug Addiction Roundtable to engage churches being held at the Authentic Church this Sunday, November 6th. Feel free to attend and/or invite church leaders.

Hidden In Plain Site. Training was held today prior to this meeting for 11 members. Hidden In Plain Site is an interactive exhibit/presentation that we are hoping to use as a tool to educate parents on how to talk to their kids about substance abuse issues. Presentation does include local data from 2015 Youth Survey. Our first presentation will be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 9th at Claymont High School. Please share event flyer and your attendance is encouraged to help us fine tune presentation.

Grant/Funding & Planning. We received the Rural Appalachian SPF-PFS grant that was originally written for Newcomerstown but have requested a grant revision to include all of Tuscarawas County. It is an \$80,000, 3-year grant focusing on underage drinking (12-20) and Prescription drug abuse for ages (12-25). Data collection is being done through Kent State Tuscarawas and we will be meeting with all school districts in county to consider administering OH Yes! survey to students in 7th and 11th grade. ADC discussed ways to engage communities not currently being served or represented at coalition table. Tuscarawas County Health Department and the Prevention Department at PFCS also received a Tobacco Grant which is requiring participation from all 9 districts. This will be folded into the Youth Advisory Board and effort of Youth to Youth school group prevention efforts. Deliverables of grant will include: store audits, compliance checks, reviewing school tobacco policies and making recommendations to meet 100% compliance on tobacco policies as well as identifying and implementing 5 counter marketing activities.

Natalie Bolon shared that the Opiate Task Force met earlier this morning. Stark Mental Health Recover Board is sponsoring an Opiate Summit on Dec. 7th from 8:30-5:00. http://starkmhar.org/event/opiate-symposium-stark-countys-call-to-action/?instance_id=1558

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Next meeting will be held Friday, December 2nd at 12:00 at ADAHMS Board.