

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

In Attendance:

Jodi Salvo, PFCS  
Rich VanArsdalen, Jail Chaplain  
Dick Gooding, GN&L  
Dode Overton, Pastor  
Connie Limbacher, Citizen  
Bill Harding, Citizen  
Jaynie Norman, Citizen  
Dave Shaffer, ADAHMS Board  
Christine Jones, New Life Counseling  
Melissa Wucinick, AAP/Health Dept.  
Kim Rykse, PFCS  
Bob Preston, Citizen  
Sam Hitchcock, NP City Council  
Lori Douglass, OMJ  
Orvis Campbel, Sheriff's Office

J. Salvo opened the meeting at noon and welcomed attendees and introductions were made with 15 people present.

Youth Led Prevention (YLP) - Kim Rykse, Youth Sector Representative, shared 16 students and 2 school adult advisors from Dover, Philly, Claymont and Carrollton Y2Y attended the Nordonia Teen Institute YLP Retreat. They joined 150 students from around Ohio and had an amazing weekend being surrounded by like-minded peers, had tons of fun and learned a lot. Currently the youth are working and planning for the "Kick Butts Day" campaign to bring awareness to the dangers and consequences of smoking. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is meeting the first Monday of each month at Union Hospital from 5:30 to 8:00. ADC members are welcomed to stop by at meetings to see youth in action or to offer support. The students value the support from the adult ADC members. Tuscarawas Central Catholic (TCC) school staff and student leader attended most recent YAB meeting and expressed interest in implementing YLP group at TCC. YLP is growing in Tuscarawas County. All participating YLP groups are planning to attend the "We Are the Majority Rally" in Columbus this April and are hoping to take one or two busses to join 1,000+ students from across Ohio. Finances are also needed to allow student leaders and adult school staff advisors to attend the Youth to Youth International Summer Conference this summer. Kim encouraged ADC members to be mindful of businesses, individuals, or organizations that could be possible donors/supporters. A donation request letter is available, speak to Kim.

Grants- Jodi Salvo is working on the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant and it will be submitted March 18. If we are awarded the DFC grant, we will be notified September 2016 and become a funded coalition which will allow us to be much more effective in the work we do. Another funding opportunity for the ADC will be the Ohio Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative (SPF-PFS), these funds will be released in 2017. We are one of the 57 identified rural counties that would be eligible to receive funding. The goal of the SPF-PFS project is to increase prevention efforts around underage drinking or prescription drug misuse among 12-25 year olds. In regards to the SPF-PFS OhioMHAS has made funding available to train coalition members, prevention providers,

community partners to build capacity to receive funding for the SPF-PFS. Upcoming training opportunities will be made available at no cost to the ADC: the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Organization (ADAPO) May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Ohio Prevention Education Conference (OPEC) June 27-29. If interested, these are high caliber trainings, please see Jodi.

Legislative- Dick Gooding, Business Sector Representative, will testify at a hearing before the State House in Columbus on Thursday before the 15-member task force Ohio House of Representatives' Medical Marijuana Task Force. Members of a task force are charged with exploring medical marijuana legalization in Ohio. Members have been asked to finish their work by early April. Four other efforts: Ohio for Medical Marijuana (Marijuana Policy Project), Ohio Medical Cannabis Care Amendment, Grassroots Ohio and Legalize Ohio 2016. All efforts to be placed on November ballot must submit proposed language, along with 1,000 signatures, to the attorney general. Once approved, the Ohio Ballot Board has to sign off. Then, petitioners must collect at least 305,591 valid signatures by July 6, 2016. Concerns exist with all medical legalization efforts that they will be used as a "coming in the back door" for recreational legalization. We will continue to advocate for FDA process to be used for medicine. A report from Mike DeWine's office that Representative Landis provided is will be emailed to ADC members, please check it out. Information included is a summary of other states medical marijuana laws and clinical trials that are currently being conducted at Nationwide's Children's Hospital in Columbus.

CARA Bill (Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Act) which has been championed by Senator Portman continues to gain traction and it will ensure federal resources are devoted to evidence-based education, treatment and recovery programs that work, and are being backed by Ohio and national anti-drug groups.

Faith Based- Pastor Dode Overton sent letters to over 120 area pastors regarding Operation Parent a Christian Parent Handbook and Bible study that could be a useful tool for churches and youth groups to provide information to parents to assist in having parent/child dialogues to reduce and prevent youth substance use. Pastor Dode will be reaching out to churches in order to see if they would be interested in piloting program.

Awareness- An awareness event "Addiction Doesn't Discriminate" will be held Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Claymont Middle School. This is collaboration between ADC, Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, and concerned citizens. Andrea Boxill from the Governor's Opiate Action Team will be main speaker followed by town hall panel. Area organizations are invited to have a booth and if you are interested at volunteering for ADC booth, see Jodi. Flyer will be sent out shortly.

ADC had a booth at the Prom Showcase last month. A press release was sent into TR for March Problem Gambling Awareness Month as well as a taping of Conversation Corner on WJER.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and Melissa Wucinick has volunteered to write a press release on behalf of the AAD program and the ADC for the Times Reporter and Bargain Hunter.

Healthy Tuscarawas Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) - Community leaders and organizations are meeting monthly February-May to develop a community health plan to address most pressing concerns identified from 2015 Community Health Assessment/Youth Survey. Four areas have been identified and agreed upon: adult/youth obesity, adult and youth mental health, access to dental care and youth substance abuse. This will be helpful to ADC efforts in gaining community support and

community partners. The CHIP is requesting that everyone complete online survey monkey regarding Quality of Life Questions, you will receive survey link in email next week, please forward link to persons residing in Tuscarawas County.

A discussion was held about getting persons struggling with addiction treatment. Dave discussed Casey's Law which was signed into law in 2012 which allows parents, relatives and/or friends to petition the court for treatment on behalf of a person (over the age of 18) who is abusing substances and unable to recognize their need for treatment. Dave felt this law is on the books but not being utilized. Bob Preston (Attorney) and Christine Jones (New Life Counseling) were interested in working with Dave to look into Casey's Law further to see if this might be a way to get families feeling desperate to get their loved ones needed treatment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 after watching a short video from SAMSA website on talking to your children.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at ADAMHS Board 12:00-1:00.