

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2015
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Elizabeth Thomakos, CCP
Al Landis, State Representative
Star Jones, PFCS
Lori Douglass, OMJ-Tusc
Natalie Bollon, ADAMHS Board
Bill Harding, Citizen Volunteer
Dick Gooding, Gooding's Nursery & Landscaping
Rich VanArsdalen, Tusc Co Jail Chaplain
Melissa Wucinic, AAP
Nanette VonAllman, NPMC
Teri Edwards, Twin City Chamber
Diana Smit, Uhrichsville Internal Events
Jaynie Norman, Citizen Volunteer
Kerry Metzger, Tusc Co Commissioner
Lori Schreiner, TCC
Cammeron Thomakos, TCC Student
Camry Cummings, TCC Student
Morgan Harrison, TCC Student
Katie Chunilla, TCC Student
Molly Donaldson, TVHS Student
Justin McCurry, TVHS Student
Mark Murphy, TVHS
Bethany Bair, New Life Counseling
Dawn Delcoma, Claymont HS
Orvis Campbell, Tusc Co Sherriff's Office
Kim Ryske, PFCS
Trisha Kosmides, DHS
Trenna Parsons, PFCS
Connie Limbacher, Citizen Volunteer
Cheryl Ramos, BCC/New Phila City Council

Meeting Summary:

Judge Thomakos, CCP opened the meeting at noon on Friday, May 6, 2016 with 30 members present and introductions were made.

Judge Thomakos reported that the ADC had received a \$500 grant from Drug Free Action Alliance to purchase a faith based curriculum, Operation Parent Christian edition and the 5:8 Project. These funds will be used to purchase curriculum. Pastor Dode has reached out to area churches interested in

piloting this project. A press Release will be sent to the Times Reporter, Bargain Hunter, WJER, WTUZ and the Outreach to create awareness about this resource.

Youth Led Prevention (YLP)-Tuscarawas Central Catholic is becoming a new addition to the youth led prevention efforts in the county. Advisor L. Schreiner and 4 students were present and welcomed, as well as the Tusky Valley students. 80 students and school advisors attended the "We Are the Majority Rally" in Columbus on April 28th from the Tusc and Carroll youth led prevention groups. The Tusky and TCC students discussed their experience of attending the rally. One student summed it up best as "its kids speaking to other kids."

K. Rykse reported on the need for area businesses to donate for students and advisors to attend the Youth to Youth summer training conference at Capitol University this June. The cost of the conference is \$425/per person and we would like to send 4 student leaders and school staff from each district to build capacity with youth led prevention efforts. This conference provides training in leadership development and teaches best practices in prevention and youth led prevention. It also helps the students and staff catch the bigger vision of youth led prevention. She also reported that Twin City Hospital just donated \$2,000 to send 4 Claymont students and staff advisor to attend conference.

T. Kosmides shared that the Youth Advisory Board joined the ADC in setting up a booth for Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA on April 30th. Volunteers are still needed for the Kent/Tusc Safe Kids Day on May 22nd and Canal Day Parade in Dover on May 28th.

Anyone interested in attending the OPEC training June 27-29 needs to let Jodi know by Tuesday, May 10. The application for scholarship funding for the conference will be sent out on May 11th. These reservations are non-transferrable. The funding is made possible through OhioMAS to build capacity in rural communities throughout Ohio to prevent and reduce youth alcohol and prescription drug use. There will be a funding opportunity released in 2017 called the SPF-PFS and communities that have prepared themselves and build capacity will be well positioned to receive funding. This is a high caliber conference.

T. Edwards and D. Smith reported their amazement on how well the Twin City Awareness Event on Addiction Does Not Discriminate that was held on Wednesday, April 20th went. Over 150 attended. Many positive comments were made on the power of the speakers and how well the event was run. Another event will be planned in the future with focus on law enforcement.

A Youth 2 Youth newsletter was created by PFCS/Ohio Guidestone to sum up the past year. Twin City Hospital needs added to the Thank You on the back, but otherwise it was very well done.

Medical marijuana is back. K. Metzger discussed the Marijuana Policy Project efforts to place medical marijuana on the November ballot. He introduced State Rep. Al Landis. Rep. Landis shared what is happening at the State level. He presented a rough draft of only five pages which represented SubHB 523 which is over 70 pages and currently in the House to vote on. Substitute HB 523 outlines points that has unanimously passed the House subcommittee and should probably pass the House itself on Tuesday, May 10th. It will then hit the Senate floor with hopes to be pushed through to the desk of the Governor to sign by June 30th. This is a push to beat the ballot initiative. If MPP were to go on the ballot in November and pass, this would actually change the constitution and the only way a change could be made would be through another ballot initiative. Going through legislature allows for up to two years to

tweak after passing and more control. Rep Landis shared that even though this goes against his best judgement, he is for this bill because of the cost and time it would take to fight it.

After a lot of discussion, a subcommittee was set up to review the SubHB 523 before it hits the Senate floor. The newly formed committee was developed and will consist of: Kerry Metzger, Melissa Wucinick, Dick Gooding, Orvis Campbell, Star Jones, Dave Schaffer, Natalie Bolon and Jodi Salvo.

Students left at 1:10 pm. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3 at the ADAMHS Board 12:00-1:00.