

Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
Friday, September 2, 2016
ADAMHS Board Meeting Room

Present:

Jodi Salvo, PFCS
Tommy Miller, Legacy Church
Marcia Stuart, PFCS & Community Hospice
Kerry Metzger, Commissioner
Anita Davis, Pathway to Wellness
Diana Smith, Twin City Awareness
Dave Schaffer, ADAHMS Board
Miles Riley, CMH
Dick Gooding , GN&L
Bill Harding, Citizen Christine Jones, NLC
Kim Rykse, PFCS
Amy Miller, PFCS
Erin Peltz, Harbor House HWH
Seana Fortune, Tusc. Co. Sheriffs Office
Trisha Kosmides, DHS
Cheryl Ramos, BCC/NP City Council

Meeting Summary:

Jodi Salvo opened the meeting at noon on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 with 16 members present and introductions were made.

Youth Led Prevention. Trisha Kosmides reported that school Youth Led Prevention groups are beginning to meet and are trying to recruit and organizing for up-coming school year. Kim Rykse introduced Amy Miller who will be replacing her in role as Youth Led Prevention Coordinator. The Youth Advisory Board will have its first meeting at Union Hospital on Sept. 12 at Union Hospital from 5:30-8:00. She invited and encouraged ADC members to stop by on the first Monday of each month from 5:30-8:00 to check out what the teens are doing and to support their efforts. Prevention education has experienced some growth this year and will be providing Life Skills program to all Dover Middle School students and the PFCS Prevention Department is working with New Philadelphia Schools to implement prevention education in elementary schools. All Athletic Directors in Tuscarawas County were given information for coaches on talking with their athletes about the importance of making drug free choices and information to pass out to parents on OHSAA parent sports night.

Salvo reported that still waiting to hear about DFC Grant. A proposal will be submitted on September 12th for the Partnership for Success/Strategic Prevention Grant for Rural Appalachian Communities to reduce underage drinking and Rx misuse and abuse for those aged 12-15. This proposal will be written to cover the Newcomerstown area. We are also working with Katie Seward at the Health Department

on an Ohio Department of Health Tobacco Prevention Grant that involves Youth Led Prevention as vehicle to reduce tobacco use.

Ohio Medical Marijuana will become legal in Ohio September 8th. Medical Marijuana Commission will need to be appointed as well as rules and regulations developed. We are working with City Officials to educate and ask consideration of creating ordinances and resolutions to ban dispensaries in Tuscarawas County. Dover created ordinance through Safety Committee and New Philadelphia City Council is addressing this issue through their Zoning and Annexation Committee. Cheryl Ramos said a Public Hearing will be held on Sept. 7th at 7:00 at New Philadelphia City Council and ADC members are encouraged to attend and support.

Prescription Drug Take back awareness initiative is also underway. Two billboards are currently in place, flyer has been developed to promote 6 permanent take back boxes in county and ADC members are encouraged to share flyer on Agency websites and social media. The ADC will be working with the Opiate Task force to create community awareness of drug take back boxes in county.

Tuscarawas County Fair is Sept. 19-25th and booth schedule was passed around table. If manning booth your name will be on list at Wooster and Union Avenue Gate. Booth will be under Grandstand. Dick Gooding suggested being prepared to answer questions on Ohio Medical Marijuana at the Fair Booth. He said that businesses should have been updating their Drug-Free Workplace Policy on accommodation or not and if people have questions on the Issue of Ohio Medical Marijuana that you need not have all the answers but can have them contact ADC or Jodi and she will work to get questions answered.

The remaining meeting time was spent on planning for Tuscarawas United Rally that will be taking place on September 10th at Tuscora Park. Details to include: Motorcycle Run, booth details, volunteer needs, planning and logistics and set-up details. ADC members were encouraged to share event flyer and attend and support event.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7th at the ADAMHS Board 12:00-1:00.