

**Opiate Task Force
Meeting Notes
August 5, 2016**

Attendees:

Zach Ashcraft, AG Mike DeWine's Office
Nichole Bache, NPHD
Paul Bantum, Dover PD
Teri Edwards, Twin City Chamber
Andrea Dominick, AAP
Belle Everett, Commissioner
Seana Todd Fortune, Sheriff's Office
Michael Goodwin, New Philadelphia PD
Christa H. Lewis, CMH
Leslie Miller, NDC
Mary Ann Otte, NP
Tammy Puff, AG Mike DeWine's Office
Dave Ramsell, Grant Street Creative
Rachel Rothacher, Recycling District
Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board
Diana Smith, Twin City Awareness
Elizabeth Stephenson, TCGDC
Judge Nanette D. VonAllman, NDC

I. Call to Order;

Judge VonAllman called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. Business of the Day;

Christa Hatfield Lewis provided an update on CMH's new Vivitrol program, BRIDGES (Building Recovery Insight, Demonstrating Growth, Empowering Sobriety) and Ambulatory Detoxification services. Christa shared copies of the Treatment Contract and other enrollment information and discussed ways in which organizations can make referrals to the service. Drug testing rules for the program and the team approach being used by staff and Dr. Shah were also discussed as well as ways in which the agency is trying to make Vivitrol available at a reduced cost. Members are looking forward to having the service available within the community. D. Schaffer commented that each ADAMHS Board service district must have ambulatory detoxification services available by July 1, 2017. Christa stated that the program is new and that management is still working through implementation and coordination issues.

Dave Ramsell demonstrated the first version of the new Opiate Task Force website which is a standalone address at <http://tuscopiatetaskforce.com>. Members provided feedback on content, color and layout of the page. It was agreed that a subcommittee would be formed for the purpose of keeping the most up-to-date information available to the community and task force member agencies.

Elizabeth Stephenson shared drafts of ads and billboards that will be produced in the fall to increase community awareness of unused prescription drop box locations throughout Tuscarawas County. A subcommittee of the Task Force has been developing this campaign which also includes Jodi Salvo of the ADC. One sample included 211 as a potential referral and information source for locations. Rachel Rothacher of the Recycling District discussed ways to expand the program, issues related to drug disposal and her organization's involvement and financing of the drop boxes. Both Dover and New Philadelphia PDs expressed an interest in having the boxes at their Departments and will follow-up with Rachel. Michael Goodwin and Paul Bantam shared specifics about ways in which their Departments' officers support residents to remove unused prescription medications from their homes. Lengthy discussion occurred about drop boxes and reducing the availability of unused narcotics.

Tammy Puff and Zacch Ashcraft of AG Mike DeWine's Office updated members on a symposium being offered in conjunction with the AG's Office of West Virginia regarding areas of mutual interest and concern about the surge of heroin, opiate abuse and overdoses. The event is scheduled for August and members were encouraged to contact their office regarding the symposium. Flyers were distributed. Recent rushes of overdoses and overdose deaths related to Fentanyl and Fentanyl-laced heroin in Summit County were discussed.

General agency updates were shared including the upcoming Rally for Recovery being coordinated by the Anti-Drug Coalition scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

Seana Todd-Fortune reported that follow-up SIM and "Stepping Up" Initiative meetings have been scheduled in September.

III. Next Steps/Meeting Date.

ADAMHS Board, Friday September 2, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.