

**Opiate Task Force
Meeting Notes
September 2, 2016**

Attendees:

Andrea Dominick, AAP
Belle Everett, Commissioner
Seana Todd Fortune, Sheriff's Office
Leslie Miller, NDC
Mary Ann Otte, NP
Jodi Salvo, PFCS
Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board
Elizabeth Stephenson, TCGDC
Pam Trimer, PFCS
Paul Westlake, Union Hospital EMS

I. Call to Order;

D. Schaffer called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in place of Judge VonAllman.

II. Business of the Day;

D. Schaffer reported that Judge VonAllman has been communicating with representatives of both Senator Portman and Bob Gibbs Offices on scheduling of a joint meeting with members of the Summit and Stark County Coalitions scheduled for 9/14/16. The purpose of the meeting will be to share information on strategies being used by each community to reduce the abuse of opiates and opiate-related overdoses. The epidemic of overdoses impacting Akron related to Carfentinal use were discussed. D. Schaffer also anticipates receiving an update about the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and what it means financially for communities across the nation. A group of Task Force members will also be asked to attend the Summit County Task Force meeting immediately following the meeting with the legislative aides.

Andrea Dominick shared draft policies and procedures developed by the Board of Health related to implementation of a Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) site to be located at the Health Department on Iron Ave. in Dover. Dr. Blumer has agreed to be the Medical Director of the program and Katie Seward and Andrea Dominick would like feedback from members on marketing and outreach that will increase community awareness of the program when it becomes operational. Draft registration and program policies were shared. Members expressed their appreciation of the Department's efforts to develop the program. Group orientation, training, costs and printed materials associated with the program were discussed. A subcommittee meeting of the Task Force will be

scheduled to provide feedback to the Health Department and develop a public awareness strategy.

A copy of the drug disposal drop-off location billboard and the full page ad in the Times Reporter were distributed by Jodi Salvo. 211 will provide information and referral services on behalf of the Coalition and participating police departments. She also reported that at least one pharmacy has agreed to distribute copies of the drop off location flyer to their customers. J. Salvo also updated members on the "Rally for Recovery" scheduled for 9/10/16 from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

P Westlake made copies available of the County EMS cumulative report on overdose responses that he has been tabulating. He reported that he would like to plan on featuring opiate addiction at an upcoming regularly scheduled EMS training perhaps in the fall. Paul will coordinate with members of the Task Force. General discussion about community perspectives on Narcan and repeated administration of the drug by individuals occurred.

Members discussed a recent article in the T-R regarding the Dover and New Philadelphia Police Departments' placement of the unused prescription drop boxes.

III. Next Steps/Meeting Date.

ADAMHS Board, Friday, October 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.