

**Opiate Task Force
Meeting Notes
October 7, 2016**

Attendees:

Andrea Dominick, AAP
Belle Everett, Commissioner
Jeremy Everett, Sheriff's Office
Seana Todd Fortune, Sheriff's Office
Christa H. Lewis, CMH
Mary Ann Otte, NP
Jodi Salvo, PFCS
Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board
Diana Smith
Judge Nanette D. VonAllman, NDC
Paul Westlake, Union Hospital EMS

I. Call to Order;

D. Schaffer called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. Business of the Day;

D. Schaffer and J. Salvo gave members an update on their visit to Summit County and highlighted a couple of issues that were raised in both the pre-Summit County Task Force meeting between legislative aides/staff, family members and Summit ADM Board representatives as well as the full meeting of their Opiate Task Force. Family members present at the pre-meeting shared their experiences and frustrations with the heroin abuse and overdose issue and their efforts to raise awareness including the creation of an organization called "Cover Two" and a report on a postvention outreach model being used in Southwest Ohio which involves follow-up by a team comprised of law enforcement, volunteers and professionals. Judge VonAllman joined the meeting and highlighted some of the issues raised during the Summit County Opiate Task Force meeting including distribution of individual disposal bags and the rash of overdoses in Akron related to the use of Carfentanil.

Andrea Dominick reported that the project DAWN subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 10/11/16 at 8:00 a.m. at the Health Department and roll-out of the project, purchase of Narcan kits and an outreach strategy will be discussed at that time. Logistical problems related to the purchase of Narcan kits for treatment agencies versus law enforcement and first responders was discussed. A Dominick also reported on the number of individuals seeking treatment for heroin/opiate dependence and their reported use/administration of Narcan.

D. Smith feels there is a lack of awareness by family members about available opiate and other treatment services and also believes knowledge of interventions may be a gap within emergency departments. General discussion about the availability of interventions and treatment for opiate addicted individuals and community awareness among both individuals and organizations occurred. D. Schaffer commented that there is a lack of centralized reporting about the extent of opiate-related incidents between all of the various agencies involved (e.g. law enforcement, emergency departments, treatment providers, first responders, etc.).

Christa H. Lewis of CMH updated members on the current enrollment in their outpatient Vivitrol program. The gatekeeping and emergency assessment process provided by CMH for accessing ReCOR was also discussed including ED staff familiarity with the process. It was agreed that we should attempt to attend an upcoming Chiefs of Police Association meeting and discuss the exchange of information. Confidentiality of individuals overdosing as it relates to EMS responses was also discussed by P Westlake.

M. Otte suggested that our outreach and follow-up strategy for engaging individuals that have survived an overdose could be modelled similarly to our LOSS teams. This concept will be contingent on sharing of information and further explored. ADAMHS will put together a half-page informational sheet that will be available to organizations, EDs, etc.

III. Next Steps/Meeting Date.

ADAMHS Board, Friday, November 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.