

Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Task Force

October 22, 2016

Community Health Assessment/Improvement Plan

Meeting Highlights and Action Plan

Topic	Key Points	Action Items <i>Including Responsible Party/Timeline if applicable</i>
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See sign-in sheet 	
August Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August minutes approved with no changes. 	
Myth Busters Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy provided a draft for the Myth Busters handout. • Ideas/Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Add signs of an overdose ✓ How do we soften up/create a more positive message? ✓ Add zip code stats/data ✓ Stats relating to incarceration and addiction/overdoses ✓ Include data regarding age of those who overdose, not the age group most of public associates with drug use/addiction. ✓ Information showing the link between trauma and addiction ✓ Use data and stats to challenge distorted thinking by the general public, i.e., kids at risk of becoming addicted to drugs/alcohol are outliers, those on the fringes of society, however in reality it is more often the overachievers ✓ Re-work so that the handout does not have time constraints that would preclude update frequently and preventing outdated copies from being distributed. ✓ Include link to website which would contain statistical updates on an ongoing basis. ✓ Relate/comparison of drug deaths to heart/cancer and other causes of death. This would potentially help in showing addiction as a disease. Susan will check on comparison stats. ✓ Myth Busters is a good starting place for changing the mindset of the public. ✓ Suggested that John Joiner be contacted. He has a great many stats to support disease vs. choice. ✓ Broaden scope – addiction does not just happen or affect those with trauma or low-income, it occurs across all walks of life and at every socio-economic level. Contact Youth Challenges for stats relating to youth substance abuse. ✓ Education regarding that a condition that responds to medication is a disease, not a choice. ✓ Goal for useable Myth Busters handout – December 1, 2016 	
Open discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another way of perspective of addiction is discussed in the book, “Unbroken Brain”. 	

	<p>The author takes the approach that addiction is a learning disability that is a learned coping behavior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greta shared that she recently gave testimony before the Attorney General regarding more funding for opiate prevention in schools and listening campaign. Additional funding would go to support existing structure, funding programs already in use for prevention education. The Attorney General is still collecting testimonies regarding importance of drug use prevention in schools, needs which are not being met, barriers to prevention, etc.... See attachment. • Suggested that the occupations of those who are victims of drug overdose deaths be tracked. Could possibly be used on the Myth Busters handout as well. • Many groups are currently fighting abuse but are they working together or is everyone doing their own thing. Goal of more continuity. 	
Community Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Learn that was schedule had been cancelled, however, Wendy has been out providing substance abuse presentations within the community. • Conversation for Change – October event was cancelled due to a schedule conflict with the hosting facility. • Many Pathways will be moving downtown to the Care Building on High Street in the near future. • Corina shared that 10 area churches have established a home for men released from jail /prison/residential program that are homeless and in treatment to support them in their efforts to stay drug free. The individual may stay for up to 1 year while getting help to overcome addiction (client is permitted be on meds that assist in overcoming addiction). The number of beds is still to be determined. Also, the goal is to expand to encompass woman as well. • 38% of people with non-fatal overdoses are now in treatment with 45% using Vitriol. Of those 19% are over 365 days clean and 54% are currently employed. 	
Grant Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy is in the process of submitting a grant application and is asking for letters of support from those within the task force. The grant would be for \$65,000.00 per year for 3 years. The purpose of the grant is to help build a better coalition. With the grant a full time Chairperson could be hired to oversee the coalition and manage the many of the tasks related to ongoing projects. 	
Training Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risky Business – training opportunity which is evidence based. It pertains to Gambling Prevention but the concepts easily translate into other at risk group prevention programs. Call Greta if you are interested in registering. See attachment. 	
Coroner's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The death review team is to meet Wednesday, November 2, 2016 to discuss deaths through the end August 2016. Dr. Marsh distributed a handout reflecting stats available to date. See attachment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Suggested that more categories be included in the graphs. Additionally discussion included adding Fatal Overdose Review demographic charts. • Dr. Marsh stated he is working on the collection of additional data that would 	

	<p>be pertinent to the task force for possible inclusion on the Myth Buster handout or the website dashboard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Suggested that Children’s Services be included on the death review team.✓ 38 confirmed drug overdose death to date.✓ Investigators are worried about their risk of overdose when investigating Carfentanil cases due to the fact that if a very slight amount is inhaled it can cause an overdose from which Narcan is potentially ineffective.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: Friday, December 2, 2016, 10:00 AM, at JFS in the Buckeye room</p>		