

Opiate Task Force Meeting - 10/27/2023

Phillip Titterington – Medina County ADAMH Board

- Levy Update
- OneOhio – Application process developed, approved by region and submitted to team.
- Building up recovery supports, workforce, Medication Assisted Treatment, recovery housing.

Krista Wasowski – Medina County Health Department

- Update on drug reported fatalities
 - 166 overdose fatalities 2018-2022 – all drug related
 - 20 alcohol
 - 131 had fentanyl listed on death certificate
- Fentanyl test strips
 - Test strips were decriminalized earlier in 2023.
 - The Health Department has ordered and are in the process of setting up a distribution program.
 - Goal is to save lives. This will be one more tool (like naloxone) in our toolbox.
 - Starting off with requests through our website.
 - People can also get naloxone at the same time. We will provide a community resource sheet with distribution.
 - We involved police chiefs and ADAMH Board in the conversation. We reached out to Project DAWN sites. The goal is to start the program prior to Thanksgiving since the holidays are so high risk.

Darren Stout – Medina County Drug Task Force

- 147 felony drug complaints investigations.
- 148+ arrests – A third were upper level F1, 2, 3 indictments.
- They are participating in a diversion/deflection program with Alternative Paths.
- Xylazine – 4 instances, being mixed with cocaine, fentanyl, and meth.
- Lab testing program is an incredible asset, and results are instantaneous. Have done over 2,000 tests this year.

Sam Evans – Hope Recovery Community (HRC)

- The Medina center is open 365 days per year, including all holidays.
- \$50,000 raised at the Ride for Recovery event.
- Working on creating a basic needs store.
- Integrating peers at Job & Family Services, the Medina County jail, and in recovery housing.
- The Hope Link help line helped over 500 individuals this year.

- Recovery Friendly Workplace initiative- they are looking for six companies to work with in 2024.
- Recovery Farm
 - Things at the recovery farm are going well; animals, a farm-specific curriculum.
 - Donated over 600 pounds of produce to Feeding Medina County.
 - United Way funded a hoop house.
 - Tours are available.

Kelsey Vasicek – Alternative Paths

- Provided an update about the Opiate Response Team; 661 total referrals in FY23.
- Provided an update about the LOSS Team; 35 total calls, and 15 in FY23.

Jennie English – Cathy’s House

- Jon Robinson was elected as Vice President of the Ohio Recovery Housing Board, so they are well represented at state level.
- Averaging full capacity at each of the four recovery houses – waiting list.
- Over 40 calls per month with Hope Link help line managing the waitlist.
- Accepted to participate in Notre Dame study – will follow those that call to obtain recovery housing for a 5-year period.

Holly Phillips and Rebecca Parkhurst – Medina County Health Department

- Overdose Awareness Day/month activities
- Pop-up events were a great success, and several newspaper outlets featured stories about them.
- Distributed naloxone, t-shirts, promoted the Overdose Awareness Day event, and raised awareness.