

## **Opiate Task Force Meeting 1/26/24**

Krista Wasowski – Medina County Health Department

- New members welcomed
- Please take the Living Well Medina County Survey

Holly Phillips – Medina County Health Department

- Naloxone numbers
  - 2022: 648 kits distributed
  - 2023: 834 kits distributed
  - 27% increase
- Reversals
  - 2022: 58 overdose reversals from naloxone
  - 2023: 83 overdose reversals from naloxone
  - 43% increase
- Fentanyl test strips
  - 9 kits distributed in January 2024
- NaloxBoxes: 150 kits distributed

Phillip Titterington – Medina County ADAMH Board

- OneOhio: Stefanie Robinson from HRC was chosen as an expert panelist. There are opportunities to apply for funding.
- Personal Protective Equipment items, AED's purchased for Human Services building and ADAMH Board properties. Marijuana FAQ sent out to the Opiate Task Force members.

Gail Houk – Alternative Paths, Inc.

- Opiate Response Team- Ways to make referrals in community and jail referrals for those that test positive.
- LOSS Team- PowerPoint presentation with data update.

Darren Stout – Medina County Drug Task Force

- Reduced fatal overdoses – 43% reduction. Still on track to reduce numbers further.
- Annual Report – 200 investigations. 125 lab tests with new device, 85 investigation leads, 58 agency assists, 495 calls for service, 88 arrests made (5 in lieu of arrest through AP), 12 intervention and DC cases.
- Numerous substances were seized by the DTF.
- 42 firearms seized, 2,000 pounds of prescriptions turned in with DUMP and DEA takeback.
- Appreciates collaborations.
- Partnering with naloxone and fentanyl test strip distribution.

### Jon Robinson – Cathy’s House

- Strategic merger with Hope Recovery Community to leverage funds and resources.
- Paying staff livable wages.
- Cathy’s house name won’t change but is now under HRC’s umbrella.
- All recovery houses are full with a wait list. Over 200 days is the average stay, 82 men served in 2023.
- 277 bed requests – 56 admissions. Still a need in our area.
- The Farm- just under 1,000 pounds of produce donated – plan to double next year.
  - Adding garden space
  - 500 eggs since August
  - New mini-donkey, anonymous donor
  - Secured funding for 2 residents to be farm hands
- Ohio Recovery Housing – elected VP of Board of Directors.
- Annual Conference in March.
- HB33 passed, stating all recovery houses must register with OhioMHAS. Prohibits operation unless certified, accredited or in the process, or it’s a misdemeanor. Must be certified by 2025.

### Stefanie Robinson – Hope Recovery Community (HRC)

- Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Management Innovation award – 1<sup>st</sup> place. Finalist for ORH innovation award.
- Workforce Development Program.
- Others looking to replicate HRC programming.
- Life Skills group starting.
- 60-75 people in attendance per day, good partnerships.
- Over 600 people placed through Hope Link peer line last year.
- OhioMHAS certification received last year.
- Hope Haven opens up next week – a free store where people can shop. Will also collect donations.
- Goodwill partnership – supplying gas cards for those in need. Provide phones to people living in recovery housing.
- Fully staffed.

### Melissa Romain – Ohio Guidestone

- Operating MAT walk-in program – weekly emergent appointments.
- Individuals are able to access psychiatry prior to other services if needed.
- Beyond Trauma group for women – a 6-week group with a mindfulness focus.
- Caroline Healey – won Medina Young Professional Athena Award.
- DRH open 2.5 years, ORH certified.

- House manager – 63 women through June 2023.
- Since July helped 23 women.
- Medina County residents are a priority.
- Lots of community collaborations.
- Gathering housing resources.
- ADAMH Board provided scholarships to three women leaving DRH towards their next housing.

Kris Quallich – Medina City Schools

- Sextortion training update.
- Concerns over students' use of social media.

April 26<sup>th</sup> next meeting