

Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes – 6/9/2023

Phillip Titterington – Medina County ADAMH Board

- State budget updates
 - Senate will vote soon on their version of the budget bill, then it goes to joint finance.
 - There are concerns about potential cuts to behavioral health services.
 - Line item 421 is funding for the ADAMH Board's continuum of care requirements.
 - Over the last 10 years, the ADAMH Board's responsibilities have increased but funding has remained flat.
- Human Services Levy- Medina County ADAMH Board, Medina County Office for Older Adults, Medina County Job & Family Services
 - This is a levy renewal year, and the campaign has started.
 - PAC meetings are ongoing, and a fundraiser will be held in the fall.
- Youth Resiliency & Counseling Center (YRCC)
 - The YRCC is open.
 - The center is geared towards youth and families.
 - They provide trauma-informed counseling services.
- OneOhio Recovery Foundation
 - There are several regions involved and we are in region 19.
 - Stefanie Robinson and Phillip Titterington are on the technical support committee, which is looking at creating an RFP process.
 - Approximately \$2.1 million will be received.
 - They are hopeful that more details will come out over the next several months.

Kurt McCune – Drug Task Force

- 85 arrests in 2023, which is a 67% increase from the previous year.
- Seizures of meth and cocaine have increased.
- A deflection program was started with Alternative Paths, which allows low level offenders to engage in treatment in lieu of being charged in the legal system.
- MX908 drug testing pilot program.
 - Have seen a reduction in the lab backlog.
 - Received the device in October and 700 drug tests have been completed. Instead of waiting months, they get instant results.
- Completed drug takeback day in April and 2,100 pounds of medication was collected and disposed of.
- One case of Xylazine was noted, and several other cases were found to have Xylazine mixed with other drugs.

Stefanie Robinson – Hope Recovery Community (HRC)

- Recently returned from the state conference, and there is lots of chatter about the good work happening here in Medina County.
- Been to several conferences around the state and country.
- Averaging over 70 people per day visiting the Medina HRC location.
- The Recovery Farm has two goats, 12 chickens, three beehives, a 20,000 foot garden space, and an orchard. Food that is grown will support feeding medina county.
- A curriculum is being built, and will include: Safety, Farm 101, Goat Care, and other curricula.
- Seven men in recovery individuals reside at the farm house right now.
- Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR)'s Recovery Town Hall in April had great feedback.
- Launched a Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative, and are spreading the word on this.
- Upcoming events:
 - Aug 31- Overdose Awareness Day event.
 - Sept 16- Fifth annual Ride for Recovery, being held in Wadsworth at Radiant Life Church.
- More people are seeking help for drug and alcohol use.

Gail Houk – Alternative Paths

- Total referrals in 2023, 616.
- Community referrals in 2023, 47.
- Review of 2023:
 - The Medina County Opiate Response Team made contact with 96% of referrals.
 - The Medina County Opiate Response Team made contact with 62% individuals from community referrals.
- Attended Opiate and Other Drugs Conference.
- The Opiate Response Team has done a great deal of community outreach by attending a variety of community and school events.
- LOSS Team (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors)
 - 29 total response since team started two years ago. Program funded by the ADAMH Board.
 - Spikes found in August and November. No concrete thoughts on why this happening but looking into it.
 - Trending with male and older male population.
 - Gun is most prominent method with males.
 - Responded to several non-suicide fatality situations.
 - A small spike in youth during the beginning of this year.

Michael Metcalf, Holly Phillips, & Rebecca Parkhurst – Medina County Health Department

- Presentation on Xylazine.
- See slides for presentation information.

Krista Wasowki – Medina County Health Department

- We are working through the logistics of planning to start distributing fentanyl test strips.
- More information to come. There should be more information available at our next OTF meeting in September.

Community Questions

- How do we track the use of Narcan?
 - EMS tracks. Health Department collects data on usage when kits are distributed, but we feel that usage is definitely underreported because of the multiple points people can get kits.
- Next meeting is September 22, 2023