

Medina County Opiate Education Committee Meeting notes from May 12, 2017

In attendance:

Kristen Hildreth (Medina County Health Department/note taker); Pat Robertson (Community Member); Jeannie Brandt (Robby's Voice); Bob Brandt (Robby's Voice); and Holly Phillips (Medina County Health Department)

Discussion topics:

- Overdose day
- Talking points
- Next steps

Overdose day

Those in attendance discussed the Overdose Day in August and felt that the event was not focused enough on prevention. We also discussed that we just missed the drug drop-off day, and perhaps that would be something to promote in the future. Those in attendance decided that we wanted to focus on prevention and discussed the Start Talking campaign

Talking Points

We quickly reviewed the Start Talking website (<http://www.starttalking.ohio.gov/>) and some didn't realize this was an Ohio based campaign. The group felt this would be a great resource and decided that we would work using the talking points found here. The site has areas/resources under Take Action for:

- Kids-Ambassadors-Student
- Parents-Grandparents
- Caregivers
- Faith Leaders
- Businesses
- Community Leaders
- Medical Professionals
- Elected Officials

Overall, we decided to start with Faith Leaders, with discussion about churches and asking for time to address the congregation.

Next Steps

1. Review the Start Talking website
2. Bring names of churches you may have personal contact
3. Bring a friend/colleague to grow our committee

Next meeting:

- June 9 at 9:30 at the Medina Library. We will review Start Talking together and develop specific goals, objectives, timeframe, and responsible person for strategies
- We will meet the second Friday of each month at 9:30.

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