

Opiate Task Force

Friends, support, & advocacy subcommittee minutes

Committee meeting August 21, 2017

Attendees: Loreen Simpson, Cindy McQuown, Betty Barlow, Tiffany Shelton

1. Introductions:

2. Old Business:

Solace-update on outreach-Brittany@ DFFA; SOLACE Lorain county

Survey Monkey-update eg Waite & Sons, St. Colettes, Plan for focus group

Prevention Sub-Committee-update

3. New Business

LWM-Community Reveal-September 8th

Kite Fest-September 9th-Task force participation

Grand Families-County Navigators?

4. Go-Round

- Cindy is still trying to connect with the organization of SOLACE.**
- Tiffany got the business card of Christin Robinson who is the Lorain County Director of program services for Alcohol and Drug. Might be willing to come and share with the group**

- We talked about the overdose awareness event 8/31/17 (TIME 6p-7p). Held through Robby's Voice. Address is 536 W. Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio

Cindy asked if our group could speak at the event and was told yes. She asks that we come out and support her and this event.

- Sept 9th Kite Fest ---5K Walk/Run starts at 1p. Both at Buckeye Woods Park. The benefits will go to Fighting for Alyssa. Task force participation needed.
- Discussion on bereavement and what resources are out there? Need to get SOLACE up and running so we have a resource to connect with: get people aware of SOLACE.
- The group reviewed Wadsworth's Resource list.
- The group asked if anyone knew what was going on with the Roberson's bereavement Center? **Betty to follow up.**
- We talked about adding resources to ADAMH Board for family members raising children (grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, etc) of addicted parents.
- **Oaks Family Care center is now offering best practice program called Celebrating Families and is accepting referrals now-Brochure available at our meeting next time and also via email with minutes.**
Loreen to look for resources—make a list.
- Discussion on combining a few of the sub-committees. Support is down. If we combine, we might be more effective.

IF you know of any resources send to Loreen who will share with Betty.

Next Full Meeting Oct 27th 9a-10a. Held at Brunswick Rec Center.

5. Next sub-committee meeting: September 18, 2017 at 10:30am