

Opiate Task Force

Family, Support, & Advocacy Subcommittee 9/18/17

Attendees:

Deb Bican, Cloverleaf Schools

Michelle Kipfstuhl, Catholic Charities

Cindy McQuown, Cornerstone- Co-Chairperson

Melissa Pearce, Community Action Wayne/Medina County

Tiffany Shelton, ADAMH Board

1. Introductions - Deb Bican with Cloverleaf Schools.

2. Old Business

- A. Resource Lists – Virtual and as a handout for first responders, grandparents and other family members to identify resources.
 - Loreen is working on putting together a list of resources for families, such as Naranon and Alanon.
 - Betty is working on putting together a list of resources for grandparents. Melissa states she has a number of resources that she will share with Betty.
- B. Grief Support Update
 - Cindy went to Robby's Recovery Center on Opiate Awareness Day and was seeking a person interested in heading up a SOLACE or other grief support group. One individual had completed training through Cornerstone of Hope and has the curriculum for adults. She is interested in heading a grief support group.
 - Cindy also mentioned that GRASP is another type of grass roots recovery group that may be effective.
 - The members discussed that the county really needs a teen/sib component and Cindy agreed to see if GRASP offers this.
 - The members discussed how the new group would be promoted and if the subcommittee would continue to have involvement. Melissa suggested that we promote it with a possible press release.
 - Tiffany agreed to contact Fran Gerber with Stark County ADAMH Board for insight into their SOLACE group.
- C. Prevention Subcommittee Update
 - Members discussed the possibility of merging with the Community Education, Awareness & Prevention Subcommittee as much of our work appears to be

heading in the same direction. Cindy agreed to get in touch with the chairperson of that committee to confirm this is okay.

D. LWM-Community Reveal-September 8th

- Members discussed wishing there was more opiate information in the survey results and discussed other Medina County information that was gleaned from the survey.

E. Kite Fest-September 9th - Over \$4,000 was raised for Fighting for Alyssa!

F. The Oakes' "Celebrating Families" program is struggling to get referrals. Members discussed that this is a great resource for the community.

3. New Business

- Cindy mentioned several upcoming activities at Robby's Recovery Center:
 - o Free dinners on Saturday night at 6 p.m.
 - o Trunk or Treat on 10/28/17. They are currently looking for organizations or businesses willing to help sponsor this event.
 - o Dinner with Santa on 12/5/17.
 - o Running 2B well activities

4. Go-Round

5. Next meeting: With the Community Education Subcommittee on October 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

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