

Medina County Opiate Task Force
Health, Safety & Intervention Subcommittee
February 24, 2017 minutes

Present: Stuart Root, Sharon Alexander, Lisa Strebler, Matt Hiscock, Amy Kerr, Terry Grice, Dave Birckbichler, Mark Phillips, Tom Miller, Gary Hubbard, Brett McNabb, Scott Schmoll, Robert Safran, Brian Ohlin, Krista Wasowski

The group gathered for this initial meeting after hearing the opening remarks and presentations kicking-off the countywide task force. The group reviewed the comments from the initial survey of task force members regarding needs. Discussion ensued with the following areas identified for committee work:

1. Mechanism for referral into treatment – domestic violence was suggested as a system that is organized in a useful manner
2. Follow-up and “teeth” are needed for the immunity provision in law – Gary Hubbard is tracking this, but how are we doing follow-up and enforcing the three strikes provision? There was talk about an AG opinion, Fairfield County and the use of Matrix.
3. Method for informing those receiving 30 day amnesty is unclear. The current letter is under the Dean Holman’s signature. A new letter is necessary.
4. Physician education is needed related to prescribing.
5. Eliminating demand will require successful treatment. It sounds like there are some models involving law enforcement and EMS that we could consider for our county.

Meeting frequency – The group decided on the 4th Wednesday of the month following the Medina Police Chiefs meeting. The time will be approximately 11:30am

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 22nd at 11:30am Montville Township Hall