

Medina County Opiate Task Force

Health, Safety & Intervention Subcommittee

March 22, 2017 Minutes

Present: Sgt. Scott Schmoll, Cpt Dave Centner, Lt Dave Birckbichler, Chief Randy Reinke, Chief Terry Grice, Chief Tim Sopkovich, S. Forrest Thompson, Gary Hubbard, Lt. Robert Safran, Lt. Brian Ohlin, Andy Brenner, Sgt. Brett McNabb, Krista Wasowski

ORC 2925.11 immunity letter

Prosecutor Thompson has updated the letter and was present at this meeting. The group discussed adding a signature line for the recipient to acknowledge acceptance. For those who would like to do this, it is fine to add this to the letter.

Krista agreed to contact the subcommittee working on treatment options to develop a list for the back of the immunity letter. Upon completion, she will send it to Chief Grice for distribution.

Anytime a letter is given, Heather Sturevant at the Prosecutor's office should be notified. She is maintaining the list of qualified immunity and is monitoring the 30-day expirations. The responding agency should send the name, address, date and time of the incident. There is currently no mechanism to coordinate this program between various counties, which is a recognized frustration.

There was discussion about various circumstances upon which a letter would or would not be given. It was determined that law enforcement should error on the side of caution and always give a letter. This includes when a person admits using drugs and when out of county emergency rooms are used. The Prosecutor's office will determine if the person is qualified or not and will notify law enforcement.

Matrix

There was no update on this proposed product to monitor overdoses across that state. The project is limited to iPhone users and would be a real time reporting tool.

Quick Response Teams

The Wadsworth community group is looking at how this might work and what the role of law enforcement could be. The law director is looking into whether or not names of those who have overdosed can be released if charges are pending. There are several models of how this type of program could work. Colrain Township in Cincinnati has a full time person and the Lucas County Sheriff has 4 officers who run their program. Barberton is hiring a part time person for a QRT to coordinate a team of police, fire, and a social worker who go to the residence. All have grant funding.

Physician education

Gary Hubbard reported that he has an agent who is speaking with local physicians and counseling them on prescribing laws and responsibilities. The laws have changed considerably and as a result fewer opiate prescriptions are being written. The group felt that at this point physician education was not something necessary for the subcommittee to address. As a member of this subcommittee, Gary will let us know if something additional is required.

Next meeting: April 26, 2017 9:30am Montville Township Hall