

Medina County Opiate Task Force

Committee:

Prevention, Education, Advocacy, and Family Support

Minutes from February 9, 2018

1. Opiate Response Team:

Becky Paris from Opiate Response Team (ORT) attended the meeting to share information about the program.

- The goal of ORT is to engage individuals who have experienced an opiate overdose connect with treatment services.
- The team identifies county residents who have experienced a recent opiate overdose and directs them to resources for needed treatment.
- The team consists of a chemical dependency clinician and police officer who respond to community referrals.
- Referrals from law enforcement, hospitals, family/ significant others, & community members.
- Referrals can be made through Alternative Paths website.
- Once referral received contact is made and clinician completes a screening.
- At the conclusion of the screening the clinician will discuss treatment alternatives and provide client with a first appointment with an in county provider.
- Clinician tracks client's progress for 30 days to help ensure successful engagement in treatment.

2. Deterra:

Summit County Community Partnership reached out to the subcommittee to gage interest in a regional collaborative for Deterra Project. This project creates a collaborative focusing on safe medicine disposal with emphasis on developing a drug deactivation project in each community. Cindy plans to attend the meeting on March 2nd from 9a-12p in order to find out details of project.

3. 2-1-1 Update:

Christy and Cheryl are working to bring a group of clinicians together with 2-1-1 personal to develop protocol for any call that may need substance abuse resources.

4. Task Group Updates:

Social Media:

Group has not met yet.

Speaker's Bureau:

On hold until messaging established

Grief Support Group:

The first group has finished and a second group is planned to start soon. The alumni from the first group are planning to continue meeting for support.

Grand families and Support:

Melissa shared with the committee that she met with Jeff Felton from JFS and Laura Richard from Office of Older Adults and they will offer navigator services for this

population. Jeff volunteered to speak with people to help them access assistance whenever possible and navigate the systems.

Summary of our Helping Grandparents Raise Grandchildren meeting:

- Plan to gather resources specific to the needs of the population including JFS information on kinship care, legal FAQ, child care and respite care access and funding, education systems, recovery supports, etc.
- Agreed to also cross-reference all three resources sheets shared at the meeting and use the expanded list to distribute (we understand that the taskforce is already doing this for 2-1-1, the ORT, etc.).
- Produce a trifold business card with resource contact information to be used to give people access to most immediate systems of support. Betty will provide example of her agency's resource which is similar in format.
- Write for mini grant to MCCF to cover costs of these printed resources
- Address requests from the field: access to legal advice (Michelle will explore if there are attorneys who will take on a couple of pro bono cases for families over income for Legal Aid); child care assistance; kinship navigation; recovery supports, education issues, MH, etc.
- Distribute materials to all Opiate Taskforce members, 2-1-1, and especially those who meet with families at initial point of contact: police, courts, AP and ORT, JFS, Family Matters, hospital social workers, Legal Aid, etc.
- Advocate for policy changes that would increase support and services access to families.

Family Matters:

Christy indicated the Brandt's feel like Family Matters group is doing well. There is an established group on Monday nights they run. Brandt's would like to increase referrals to the group as well as see additional groups established in the community.

Outreach and Training to Older Adults:

Cindy reported Prevention Bingo is currently being offered.

5. Tiffany shared the ADAMH Board is holding a week of recognition for those frontline community members that have been instrumental in the fight against the opiate epidemic April 9 through the 13th. Plans are being made to hold the Opiate Task Force Meeting on April 13th in order to honor community members that have made an impact. St. Ambrose is hosting a luncheon earlier in the week. Additional details to follow.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 9 @ 9:30a, Main Library.