

Medina County Opiate Task Force

Committee:

Prevention, Education, Advocacy, and Family Support

Minutes from March 9, 2018

1. Robby's Voice Update - Bob and Jeannie Brandt:
Bob and Jeannie provided the group with updates on both the Family Matters Group and Medina County Recovery Center.
Family Matters: Meets at LCADA on Monday evenings. One hour educational and one support. They have moved the Wednesday group to LCADA as well. Wadsworth is now requiring family members to attend group prior to engaging with an addicted family member.
Medina County Recovery Center: Robby's Voice is no longer the non-profit connected with the center. However, MCRC will continue. Many of the groups that were being held at the center have found alternative places to hold meetings in the hopes a new center will soon be established.
2. Upcoming Meetings:
In April the Opiate Task Force quarterly meeting is planned for the same day. Therefore, no April meeting and the group will reconvene in May.
3. Opiate Task Force- Tiffany:
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.
4. Grant Submission for Grandparents Resources- Betty Barlow
The grandparent task group has submitted a grant to the Medina Community Foundation for a program called Kinship Connect. This program will work to create a portable resource card for caregivers, provide a structured support group program through the Oaks Family Care center, and address medication safety issues. They have also been given Deterra bags for this program to dispense to participants, another avenue at harm reduction in our county.
5. Task Group Updates:
Social Media:
Tiffany, Christy, and Sonya Callahan have met once to begin working on ideas for social media. The social media campaign will encompass the Opiate Task Force and all of the subcommittees. The focus will be on resources and education.
Speaker's Bureau:
On hold until messaging established

Grief Support Group:

Cindy plans to follow up with Linda Koeberle, who is providing the grief group for us, as part of our grief support task group. The last time she to Linda spoke, they had just completed a 6-week program, was working to schedule the next series and was also working to set up an alumni group. Many of the participants wanted to continue to meet and support each other. Unsure if changes to MCRC impact the group.

Grand families and Support:

See above.

Family Matters:

See Above

Outreach and Training to Older Adults:

No new information.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 11 @ 9:30a, Main Library.