

Medina County Opiate Task Force

Subcommittee:

Prevention, Education, Advocacy, and Family Support

Minutes from July 13, 2018

1. Beth Ewing representing Medina County Coalition Against Human Trafficking
 - a. 150 Billion Dollar market in US
 - b. 70% Women and girls
 - c. 29% Men and boys
 - d. 54% Sexual Trafficking
 - e. 38% Forced labor
 - f. 8% Organ trafficking
 - g. The state of Ohio is ranks 4th in the nation for Human Trafficking
 - i. Toledo ranks #1 for cities
 - h. Modern day slavery
 - i. Super Bowl is the largest event of the year
 - j. Back page on Craig's list hidden but ads for prostitution
 - k. Resources:
 - i. Be Free 233733 text
 - ii. National Hotline 888-373-7888
 - iii. Renee Jones Empowerment Center
 - iv. RAHAB House in Akron

Medina has issues due to freeway access and proximity to both Cleveland and Akron.

2. Task Group Updates:

- a. Social Media:
 - Christy is still working on.
- b. Grief Support Group
 - Currently meeting at Cornerstone Church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
 - They are currently accepting referrals for new group.
- c. Grandfamilies and Support
 - Currently working on identifying resources.
- d. Training for Family Matters:
 - Bob and Jeannie continue with Medina Group on Monday evenings. The new group in Wadsworth is going well. Attendance numbers are slowly increasing.
- e. Outreach/ training older adults:
 - Cindy continues outreach efforts through Prevention Bingo.
 - Cindy is also working on upcoming trainings for care providers and professionals.
- f. Deterra:

- Cindy is attending regional meetings for Deterra. She currently has 250 Deterra bags and plans to use those during Prevention Bingo and library training for caregivers
- She is planning to complete a grant request for additional bags through Fighting for Alyssa.

3. Kite Fest:

- Cindy is involved with organizing this year's Kite Fest on September 8. They are currently seeking vendor's for the event.

4. August 31 is Opiate Overdose Awareness day. Events are being planned throughout the community. Details to be shared at Opiate Task Force meeting on August 24.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 14 @ 9:30a Main Library

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

September 14 – Dr. Denver Jenkins, Dentist to discuss changes in prescribing meds