

## Treatment Access & Availability Subcommittee Meeting Highlights 3/10/17

### Attendees

Deb Bican, Cloverleaf Schools  
Michelle Hartis, Alternative Paths  
Sarah Olenik, A New Day  
Christine Rawlings, Solutions Behavioral Healthcare  
Tiffany Shelton, ADAMH Board  
Michelle Sine, Summa Wadsworth ER  
Tim Smith, LCADA Way  
Jeff Taraschke, St. Matthew's Church  
Kyle White, OSU Extension

### Discussion of Chairperson

Mark Trew, CEO of Alternative Paths has offered to be the chairperson for this subcommittee. This was discussed, and those in attendance were in agreement with Mr. Trew becoming the chairperson.

### Transportation issues

- Clients are having trouble accessing services because they don't have transportation.
- Lodi is very isolated due to the transportation issues, and A New Day is working to serve these clients.
- Transportation becomes a barrier for clients who are court-ordered to specific treatment facilities.

### Education Opportunities

- It was mentioned that the upcoming Craving, Addiction & Brain Science Training would be a very worthwhile training and a great educational tool. This training information was sent out by the ADAMH Board yesterday, to all Opiate Task Force members.
- It was also discussed that the Bridges out of Poverty training would be very beneficial, and this information will be sent out to all subcommittee members.

### Treatment for Incarcerated Individuals

- Programming for individuals who are released from incarceration was discussed; Alternative Paths' Community Linkage Program, as well as starting Vivitrol in jail and individuals following up with LCADA Way.
- Pros and cons of offender sentencing were discussed, and the impact this has on treatment options.

### Housing

- It was discussed that individuals who have stable housing are more likely to remain alcohol and drug free.
- St. Matthews church has housing options in a 6 unit apartment. Individuals are interviewed then placed. They complete background checks.
- Alternative Paths has short term housing options for homeless individuals who can then be linked to Housing First.

### Outpatient Treatment

- Making sure agencies are referring to other agencies if they have a waiting list.
- Barriers due to lack of insurance, Medicaid, etc.

-Referral sources

#### Residential Treatment

- The role of CBCF was discussed and whether they are serving Medina County residents.
- CATS has reported they will be opening a residential treatment facility.
- Committee members expressed wanting to have residential treatment services in Medina County, versus the outside of county options.

#### Adolescent Treatment

- Subcommittee members expressed concern over the lack of treatment for adolescents in the county.
- Solutions discussed the adolescent services they offer.
- Treatment provided through the Juvenile Drug Court program was discussed.

#### GOALS FOR OUR COMMITTEE

- Work to increase our own awareness of all of the services available in Medina County.
- For the next meeting, each member will create a list of treatment services that they are aware of in Medina County.
- Create a better resource list and provide education.
- Help to remove barriers to treatment.

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