

Treatment Access & Availability Subcommittee Meeting 4/14/2017

Attendees

Mark Trew, Alternative Paths
Michelle Hartis, Alternative Paths
Brian Nowak, MCDAC
Tom Stuber, The LCADA Way
Tim Smith, The LCADA Way
Nick Bianco, Bianco Accommodations

Sharing of Resources in Medina County

Mark Trew shared that Alternative Paths is now providing outpatient alcohol and drug addiction treatment services. Mark noted that AP is now able to provide outpatient counseling, case management, and group services to individuals with substance abuse disorders to complement the full array of mental health services the agency has always offered. Mark stated that the agency would also be opening up IOP services as individuals presented in need of that level of care. Mark also noted that AP is looking to provide medication assisted treatment options in the near future as well as building on existing peer support services. Mark noted that the agency has also recently opened up an office in Wadsworth. The agency now has three locations, in Medina, Wadsworth, and Lodi.

Mark was also asked by Megan Bush, CEO of Solutions Behavioral Healthcare to share that Solutions has Medication Assisted Treatment available.

Tom Stuber and Tim Smith from The LCADA Way shared their available AOD services including:

- Services available in Medina and Wadsworth.
- 16 Bed Residential Program for Women (The Key) located in Lorain County.
- Partnership with Bianco Accommodations for sober housing. Housing is located in Akron and clients are transported to The LCADA Way for services.
- Medication Assisted Treatment options (Vivitrol and Suboxone).
- Grant received to begin using "The Bridge" device to assist with detox.

Nick Bianco reported about Bianco Accommodations, a sober housing agency with sober housing in Akron and is currently partnering with The LCADA Way for beds. Nick is also a member of the Wadsworth Recovery Connection that runs a hotline to connect individuals to alcohol and drug treatment resources. The line operates from 10am to 8pm Monday through Friday and also advertises on Facebook and is on the Wadsworth resource "street card."

There was discussion about the importance of community coalitions and the importance of not only having treatment providers at the table, but also interested members of the community. It was noted that this would determine the success of this and other task forces. Strategies were discussed in reaching out to community members.

There was discussion around creation of a resource list. Tim Smith noted a number of varying initiatives to provide resources to individuals in need. It was discussed that if we know entities that are working separately to list resources, it would be helpful to bring them all to the table for a coordinated effort.

2-1-1 was also discussed as an option. It was discussed that some central website would be helpful, as printed materials are quickly outdated.

In addressing barriers to treatment the following areas were noted:

- Wait lists for detox services
- Transportation
- Funding for non-treatment services (housing, recovery supports, etc.)

It was decided to wait before scheduling another meeting to ensure maximum participation from interested parties.