

# Atlantic County Opiate Task Force

## Join Together Atlantic County

January 18, 2018 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office

4997 Unami Blvd, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

### Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Capt. Bruce DeShields (Atlantic Cnty Prosecutor's Office), Laurie Smith (JTAC/APR), Chief Donna Higbee (Galloway Twp PD), Charles Kerley (Atlantic County Alliance), Asm. John Armato (NJ State Leg.), Marshall Spevak & Rich DiCriscio (Asm. Mazzeo & Asm. Armato Staff), Bob Zlotnick (Atlantic Prevention Resources), Mike Santillo (John Brooks Recovery Center), Sean Kolins (Seabrook), Dylan Wulderk (AtlantiCare Foundation), Tom Gilbert (NJOAG), Nick Kolen & Vincent Cino (DEA), Tom Douglass (Evangeshare), Christine Sengco (APR)

Laurie opened the meeting welcoming the attendees and introductions were made.

#### **Updates:**

**Athlete Grant:** APR applied for funding to do awareness or training for youth athletes/little league programs in Atlantic County for opioid awareness. The focus is especially for parents, coaches, athletic trainers, nurses, etc. on how to address when athletes get injured and get prescribed pain medication.

Laurie mentioned Assemblyman Mazzeo's bill signed into law last August student athletes and parents are to read and sign a form stating they read the DOE opioid fact sheet and are aware of opioid addiction.

**Faith Based Meetings:** Shore Medical Center Pharmacy Director Matt Piskun went to last faith based meeting and presented information on prescribing pain medicine for those in recovery. Faith based leaders had many questions about pain medication and alternatives. The next meeting will be on March 14th at the Mays Landing library and Charlie is doing a Narcan training. A mailing about the meetings and trainings will be sent out to all the faith organizations in the county. Chief Higbee offered to review the list for the ones in Galloway Twp.

**Treatment Resource Guides:** Updated list was printed and is being distributed. State sent out notice that whenever there is a Narcan deployment and the person refuses to be sent to the hospital the police are to distribute an informational pamphlet on resources. Until the state gives more direction on what they want distributed the police departments are giving out the JTAC treatment guides, they have been put in with all the Narcan kits.

**Deterra:** JTAC recently ordered 2500 more bags. The Prosecutors office, Asm. Mazzeo and JTAC will be setting up the distribution and collection of old medication at the senior high rises in Atlantic City. This had to be rescheduled due to the fire at Jeffries Towers.

**Naloxone:** Next training will be on March 7th at Stockton University. 12 schools have received boxes and training. ACCC has a new president as of a year ago, they do not have Narcan on campus. Asm. Armato's office will send a letter requesting they train employees and have it on campus. Laurie mentioned a discussion she has had with several people about casino security being trained in Narcan and having it in the casinos. Further discussion and outreach will have to take place.

**Permanent Prescription Drop Boxes:** 18 boxes in Atlantic County (including Curexa pharmacy which does not take narcotics). The only police departments without a box are Brigantine, Stockton University, and Hamilton Township. Asm. Armato said he will reach out to the remaining departments.

**Peer Recovery Coach Training:** We are still researching the recovery coaches for the police departments to utilize.

**Media Campaign/Website:** Due to information about the DEA 360 strategy and their media campaign, the group will hold off on creating one for Atlantic County.

**Nursing Symposium:** We have held two medical symposiums for physicians and other prescribers we are planning another symposium this time for nurses. Originally we were thinking the event would be held in May 2018 but there are already several medical symposiums around that time, so we are looking at a date in September. Presenters will be from AtlatiCare, Seabrook, law enforcement and a JTAC presentation. This event would be open to all nurses including those in schools and physician offices.

**Pharmacy Project:** Brian from JTAC along with Christine, an APR intern, and any other coalition members who are interested in helping, are distributing medication disposal information to all local pharmacies (55 in Atlantic County) for them to distribute to patients.

### **New Business:**

**DEA 360 South Jersey Strategy:** Nick Kolen, DEA NJ Asst Special Agent in Charge was present and informed the group about the DEA 360 project. DEA 3 years ago identified 4 locations (cities, they started in Pittsburg) and used resources to target the opioid crisis. They planned to continue across the country in other major cities. They are now bringing the program to South Jersey and are including the nine southern counties since there are some of the highest rates of opioid abuse. The program kicked off last week with a press conference in Camden. 360 South Jersey got funding for half a million in resources to education schools, medical field, law enforcement, etc. to bring opioid awareness programs. Interventions include resources, Operationprevention.com a website for schools to find resources for downloadable content on opioid awareness, 13 week ad campaign: media coverage, tv commercials, etc., Youth Summit on April 28th at the Wildwood Convention Center, and CADCA will be hosting an adult and youth training for coalition members.

**CARA Grant:** Bob informed the group APR is applying for a grant focusing on 12-18 year olds for opioid and drug abuse awareness. There are 50 grants of up to \$50,000 dollars available across the country and the grants are only available to current and former DFC funded communities. We are looking for data specific to Atlantic County.

Neo/Prenatal grant: A new grant has started across the state regarding mothers and opioid use while pregnant and after delivery. More information will be distributed as it becomes available. Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative was one of the grant recipients.

**Upcoming Events/Announcements:**

Marijuana Forum that was originally scheduled in January will be held February 21st at Charter Tech High School in Somers Point.

The annual Above the Influence Youth Summit is being held April 10<sup>th</sup> at Stockton University, the students attend 6-8 rotating workshops throughout the day.

NCADD is holding a stigma awareness training on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Laurie will email information.

**Next Meeting:** March 15

**Meeting Adjourned**