

Atlantic County Opioid Task Force

Join Together Atlantic County

May 2, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office

4997 Unami Blvd, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Capt. Bruce DeShields (Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office), Laurie Smith (JTAC/APR), Sean Kolins (Seabrook), Tom Douglass (EvangeShare), Robin Keyack (Shore Medical Center), Dorothy Bowker (EHT Schools/Eagle Academy), Chuck LaBarre (Enlightened Solutions), Dylan Wuldek, Brian Acunto (AtlantiCare), John Armato (NJ State Leg.).

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

Minutes from last meeting were approved; Capt. DeShields 1st, Dorothy Bowker 2nd, Minutes Approved

Updates:

Grant Updates:

DFC- We are still waiting for the RFP and will apply as soon as it is available.

CARA- We are moving ahead with the interventions listed under that grant.

Partnership for Success grant- The New Jersey Prevention Network is working with a small group of us coalition coordinators to create the presentations that will be done for the CIACC's.

CAB Regional Coalition Grant- We have scheduled the School Resiliency Team Training for August. Other interventions are moving forward,

Athlete Grant- We continue to offer technical assistance for athletic directors. Laurie will be reaching out to Glory Days magazine to place information on athletes and opioids in their magazine. Activities for this grant will pick back up in the Fall.

Naloxone training/Overdose Rates: A list of upcoming Narcan trainings by Urban Treatment was distributed. Jen, the Atlantic County Alliance Coordinator is offering a training for the public next Tuesday before the Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall meeting being held in Galloway Twp. Capt. DeShields is still coordinating with all of the police departments, distributing Narcan as well as collecting data.

AC LEAD Program: Capt. DeShields reported the program has been up and running for about a month so it is in the initial stage. A couple of people who decided to utilize treatment services have then not followed up with the program, issues like this are expected and are being addressed.

HOPE ONE: The HOPE ONE vehicle has been very busy, Scott has been working with the treatment centers for both HOPE ONE and the AC LEAD project getting people who are seeking help into treatment.

Prescription Bags: Prescription bags with disposal information have been printed. There will be an outreach project to the pharmacies this summer and the bags will be offered to any pharmacy that wants to utilize them.

Opioid Labeling Bill: Assemblyman Armato gave the group an update on three pieces of legislation or possible legislation. The first concerned information included in with the hospital discharge instructions for anyone being prescribed opioids. The second was the opioid labeling bill, there was some concern over the labels, their cost, color and size and where they would be placed on the bottles. The final discussion was on pharmacies distributing disposal information.

Treatment Guides: Changes have been made to the guide and it will be emailed out one final time to coalition members and then it will be printed. A discussion took place about distributing the guides to EMS units throughout the county. Capt. DeShields said we can get them to Vince Jones and he will distribute them to the units.

911 Lifeline Legislation/Good Samaritan Law: This morning Laurie presented to the entire student body of Buena High School about the Good Samaritan Law. The event was originally scheduled for the students attending prom but the school administration decided to have all students in attendance. Laurie created a power point about the law and offered it to anyone who wanted the information to share with youth.

April 10th Youth Summit: We had seven high school group's present as well as a group of students from the Presbyterian Church youth group in Brigantine. The day went well and members of our youth coalition Stand Up and Rebel presented the opioid prevention program to the seven high school groups.

May 7th KOOA Galloway Town Hall: Next Tuesday will be the KnockOut Opioid Abuse Town Hall Meeting at the Galloway Senior Center on the White Horse Pike from 6:00-8:00pm. The panel will consist of representatives of the Galloway Township community and Atlantic County. The HOPE ONE vehicle will be setup in the parking lot and open before and after the event. Jen is facilitating a Narcan training at 5:00pm before the town hall begins. The event has been planned with the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey as part of their KOOA Town Hall Series.

Senior Presentations: Brian at APR has completed seven senior presentations throughout the county. He presented in Egg Harbor City this past Tuesday and will be at the Galloway Senior Center tomorrow. Shore Medical Center utilized the JTAC disposal information at the Golden Circle of SJ program in Atlantic City in April.

AtlantiCare Addictions Conference: Dylan said the conference went well and they look forward to hosting it again in the future. Several people attended, Brian at APR had mentioned the person presenting on bias and stigma gave an excellent presentation.

Movie Theater Advertisements: Opioid PSA's had been put on hold due to the Tilton movie theater closing, It is reopening under new ownership and we will move forward with the PSA's if the company provides affordable ad pricing.

New Business:

Oakcrest Teen Trends Event: Oakcrest High School and JTAC are hosting a pre-prom event tonight at 6:00pm for parents. Tim McMahon of the DEA will be presenting information for parents of teens as well as the Hidden in Plain Sight program. Dinner will be available before the event at 5:30pm in the cafeteria.

Needle Disposal: Community members, especially seniors, have been contacting organizations on how to dispose of needles they use for their medications. Needles cannot be disposed of in the permanent disposal boxes. Information on safe syringe disposal is on the JTAC website but a better system needs to be put into place. Philadelphia has a program where syringe drop boxes are located throughout the city, and they are being contacted to get more information on the program.

National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit: Laurie and Dorothy attended this conference in April, Laurie passed around the conference book to the groups so they could see the variety and amount of workshops. Both members stated the conference was excellent and recommends anyone who can, attend in the future.

Upcoming Events/Announcements:

May 14th JTAC Full Coalition Meeting
May 9th Peer Recovery Conference
May 10th NJPN Conference

Next Meeting:

JTAC Retreat in July (maybe July 9th)
Opioid Task Force Meeting September 5th

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Pastor Tom Douglass 1st, Robin Keyack2nd, Meeting Adjourned