

# Atlantic County Opiate Task Force

## Join Together Atlantic County

June 14, 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), Charles Kerley (Atlantic County Alliance), Sean Kolins (Seabrook), Tim Reed (Atlantic Cnty Sheriff's Dept.), Tom Douglass (EvangeShare), Dylan Wulderk (AtlantiCare), Denise Mulbah (APR Intern), Mike Santillo (John Brooks Recovery Center), Joe Bunting (Bunting Family Pharmacy)

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

Minutes from last meeting were approved; Charlie 1<sup>st</sup>, Cptn DeShields 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minutes Approved  
Minutes from previous meetings need to be posted to website that will be completed in the coming months.

### **Updates:**

**CARA Grant:** CARA Act allowed funding to be issued to Drug Free Communities grantees to assist with opioid prevention among 12-18 year olds. We are still waiting to hear if we were awarded the funding.

**Athlete Grant:** NJPN is still working on putting together a toolkit for high schools, middle schools and municipal recreation departments. We have been putting together a list of all athletic directors and directors of recreational departments throughout Atlantic County. We will be hosting a workshop for them as well as parents and athletes and the toolkits will be distributed.

**Faith Based Meetings:** The group met on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mays Landing Library. Ken Litwak did a presentation on gambling and video game addiction and their link to substance misuse. We will probably skip the July meeting to regroup and plan for future training and recruitment.

**Naloxone:** We have not been contacted by ACCC after our last meeting concerning Naloxone on campus. Assm. Armato office is not here today so we are not sure if they were contacted by the college. At the Atlantic County Opiate Summit Cptn DeShields was told of concerns they had, Cptn DeShields mentioned it is no different than having their AED devices on campus or giving CPR, he mentioned to them to get with their Board to discuss concerns and then they could meet with Cptn DeShields and Prosecutor Tyner. He said they could at least get their security staff trained and take two cases to have on campus at their security building. ACCC told him they have EMS that would come to the college and dispense Naloxone if needed, Cptn DeShields explained they are on a one way stretch of the Black Horse Pike and it could take longer for EMS to arrive. The person he spoke with was receptive but had concerns.

Laurie mentioned this was similar to the conversation they had at the meeting with President Gaba. ACCC said they felt they just needed training and information on Naloxone and as Laurie mentioned that is why four OTF members were there meeting with them. They were going to reach out to the group for a May meeting with all the southern community college presidents, ACCC never contacted us about the meeting. Cptn DeShields had spoken to one of the dean's and they were on board it just seems they are hung up on liability, he will reach back out to the president's office.

Joe Bunting offered to help, he had just met with Mainland and their guidance department and they are having Joe come in for freshman orientation to do a talk have him come in to do an educational in-service with all of their teachers to go over information about Naloxone. Joe said he is getting a lot of inquiries due to his pharmacy background, for places are being mandated to have monthly educational services and Joe is available to do any in-services. Joe said they also invited him to speak with all their coaches at Mainland to talk about injuries and preventive measures with students and injuries. Joe said they had discussed having a coaches meeting end of August for him to present and he offered to speak before the different sport seasons. Laurie said if the toolkit was ready in the summer she could come and distribute the toolkit.

Charlie had been contacted by a school to have Naloxone training and he asked if there was a school mandate for all schools to have it available. There was a bill sponsored by Assm. Mazzeo we will have to check where that bill currently stands.

Charlie just trained Northfield Community School that is the 13<sup>th</sup> school Naloxone trained in the county. Northfield Community School will be instituting a policy in the coming weeks. Laurie confirmed in the minutes it is 12 school districts that have been trained, Greater Egg harbor Regional School District, is three high schools, they have all been trained and are counted as one district.

Cptn DeShields states as of yesterday they are at 147 law enforcement reversals for the year and his office keeps resupplying the police departments as needed.

Marshall Spevak was unable to attend today he had previously mentioned linking the group with the casino director's security meeting to speak to them about being trained. Charlie met with the directors at the meeting, he offered to train casino security but they would have to purchase the Naloxone kits since they are a commercial entity. Several casinos were very interested, others wanted to check with their lawyers for any liability issues. He will update us at the next meeting.

**Permanent Prescription Drop Boxes:** 19 has been placed at the Brigantine Police Department, it is being overseen by the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department. The only two police departments without a box are Stockton University and Hamilton Twp. Stockton is in the process of hiring a new Public Safety Director and also there was discussion of where it could be located, their police department lobby is very small and if they had it there people would have to be buzzed into another room to drop off medication. Hamilton Twp also has concern of where they would place the box, their lobby is large but

fills up with people on their municipal court days and they would not be able to monitor the box. There is a box at the Sheriff's Department in the Mays Landing Court House

Two years ago the DEA announced pharmacies could have disposal boxes, they would need to have a reverse distribution license. Curexa takes medications but not narcotics. If AtlantiCare or another pharmacy would like to have a box we will partner with them to purchase the permanent disposal box. A discussion followed on how pharmacies dispose of medication from the boxes as well as expired medication from the pharmacy shelves. Joe inquired about how to get a reverse distribution license he was told he needed to contact the DEA on getting the license. Laurie will ask Brian at APR to send Joe the contact information for the DEA agent he has been working with for the police department waivers.

Tim Reed mentioned a local pharmacy that was emptying medication into the Brigantine box, they reached out to the pharmacy and told them to discontinue bringing the pharmacy medication to the public box.

Discussion followed asking what the police departments use inside the drop boxes to collect the material as it is dropped in. Laurie will reach out to police departments and ask them what they are using.

During the one day disposal project the prosecutor's office initiated 67 lbs of medication were collected in the Atlantic City Housing Authority buildings.

**HOPE ONE Atlantic County:** There are also HOPE ONE vehicles in several other counties across the state. The Atlantic County truck is currently being wrapped with all HOPE ONE design and organizational logos. Shelves and a desk area will be installed and new air conditioner for when it is stationary. Tim is hoping by first or second weekend in July it will be ready. The vehicle will go to locations throughout the county, people will be able to access substance misuse treatment, be trained with Naloxone and linked to mental health services. To start, the vehicle will be going into communities two days a week, AtlantiCare personnel will be on the truck along with other treatment agencies. Pastor Tom asked if there would be a spiritual side being offered, Tim stated the Sheriff's Department Chaplains will be there, based upon availability. The Veterans Department will also be coming out with their truck to some of the HOPE ONE locations to offer services to any veterans who walk up.

Sean Kolins asked will there be a website for county residents to go on and see the upcoming locations. Tim said there will be a link off the sheriff's website with more information. It was also asked about using Constant Contact to send out email blasts of upcoming locations. Tim will talk to the county about some sort of email blast or even utilizing Nixle or Code Red alerts. Sean inquired how to get resources from treatment centers on the vehicle, Tim stated to get materials to him and he will put them on the vehicle.

Laurie asked if the vehicle would be able to attend existing community events, Tim said yes it will be able to be scheduled at events.

Tim said he will be reaching out to all of the treatment centers to have a meeting to coordinate services. Laurie explained to him there are other meetings in existence where the treatment centers do meet already such as the SJ Prevention and Treatment Providers Meeting as well as the PACADA and LACADA meetings. Laurie will send Tim the contact information for the SJ Providers meeting coordinator.

**Peer Recovery Coach Training:** Mike Santillo stated there still is no training certification approved by the state. There is a scheduled meeting to discuss Medicaid and reimbursement for services. Laurie stated there are trainings utilizing the CARES model as well as the CCAR model are being held in the county, so we are currently not planning on offering the training. NJPN is offering the ethics training for the contracted providers, that may be a training we would want to sponsor. John Brooks Recovery Center offered to host the training at their location.

**Nursing Symposium:** We are sponsoring an opioid/addiction nursing symposium September 28<sup>th</sup> at Tropicana. Speakers are confirmed from Seabrook, AtlantiCare, DEA, Atlantic County Prosecutor and JTAC will present on resources. The fliers will be completed soon after confirming speakers and types of credits that will be offered. Logos are being sent to Sean to design the advertisement.

**Pharmacy Project:** All pharmacies in Atlantic County participated in accepting and disseminating information on proper prescription drug disposal.

**DEA 360 South Jersey Strategy:** They held the April 28<sup>th</sup> youth and family event in Wildwood, the event was for the nine southern counties and had a low turnout. The Partnership for Drug Free Kids held a training for organizations already doing opioid prevention, the information could be used with our existing programs.

### **New Business:**

**Pleasantville Housing Authority drug takeback event:** The prosecutor's office will be doing a takeback day July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Pleasantville Housing Authority location and Laurie also will send Cptn DeShields the contact information for the Village of St Peter's in Pleasantville, they also would like to have a takeback the same day. Deterra will also be distributed to residents.

**Deterra donation:** An email was sent to the group to ask their thoughts on a donation of 15000 Deterra bags for the coalition and task force to distribute. The bags are for disposing 40 pills per bag. One of the projects utilizing the bags will be distributing the bags to physicians so when an opioid prescription is given they will also give a bag. There are over 400 physicians throughout the county. Joe suggested reaching out to Dr. Glasser and his partner Michael Dunn with Medical One to partner with them. How to distribute the bags to all physicians was discussed. Bob previously had suggested having a media event for physician offices to send someone to pick up the bags, Laurie distributed the suggestions she received via email from the healthcare professionals that are members of JTAC. Suggestions were going to the offices directly, focusing on specialty's who prescribe opioids the most, contacting the urgent care centers. The group did not think one big event would not work, they are too busy to send someone out of the office. Information will also be provided for their offices to give patients. It was suggested to give the bags to pharmacies however some pharmacies sell disposal bags and would probably not want

to offer them for free. Joe said he could distribute the bags with prescriptions dispensed from his pharmacy.

Dylan Wulderk mentioned giving them to all hospices so the nurses can then pass the bags along to family members, they get asked a lot from family's how to dispose of medication.

We wrote into the CARA grant physician office visits so if we get the grant we can expand the project.

Dylan can connect us with the person who oversees the surgery centers.

Signs could be made for the physician offices about the bags.

The bags were labeled with JTAC contact information.

**Movie Theater PSA's:** Laurie reminded the group they had previously discussed placing PSA's throughout the county about the opioid epidemic. Laurie was waiting for the DEA 360 PSA to come out, they were not good for our location since they specifically mentioned black tar heroin. The Truth organization previously did PSA's for tobacco and now are doing them for opioids. In the PSA's are true stories of people purposely hurting themselves to be able to go to the hospital or doctor to get more opioids, they can be found online, Laurie will email them to the group. Laurie and Bob had previously met with one of the companies that does the advertising spots in front of movies in local theaters. The cost for a full year of movies is reasonable. Laurie suggested we get permission from Truth to use the PSA's and fund them to be aired in local movie theaters. We can choose to do just PG13 and up and can have JTAC logo at the end of the PSA. The group wants to add a helpline number for people to call, a discussion continued on the best hotline number to list. Everyone will look into this and then decide on the best phone number.

#### **Upcoming Events/Announcements:**

Pastor Tom shared with us some PSA messages about tobacco that he took pictures of in other countries. They were very graphic and direct. Previously there were going to be graphic pictures on tobacco boxes in the U.S. for whatever reason that did not happen.

Hispanic Community Outreach: July 12 and August 16. Presentations about substance misuse will be done in Spanish. Anyone with resources in Spanish or bi-lingual staff is welcome to join us for those dates.

JTAC retreat is being planned, Laurie will let the group know once that has been confirmed.

**Next Meeting:** July 19<sup>th</sup> or September 20<sup>th</sup> Since this meeting was held in June due to scheduling conflict the group decided to skip the July meeting and meet again in September.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Charlie 1<sup>st</sup>, Dylan 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting adjourned

