



Join Together Atlantic County

Atlantic County Government Offices
101 S. Shore Rd, Shoreview Building
Northfield, NJ 08225
September 11, 2018
11:00am – 1:00pm

Attendance/Sectors & Agencies Represented:

Youth:

Parents:

Law Enforcement: Tim Reed (Atl Co Sheriff's Dept.)

Govt Agency: Kathryn Saxton-Granato (CIACC), Crystal Metzger (National Guard)

School:

Youth Service Org: George Dannenhauer (Atl. Cnty TRYIT), John Roy (Cape Atlantic Inc)

Healthcare: Lisa Celebre & Joanne Arnold-Velcheck (AtlantiCare), Dylan Wulderk (AtlantiCare Foundation), Robin Keyack, Christine Bracey & Matt Piskun (Shore Medical Center)

Religious/Fraternal Org.:

Business: Victoria Reigle (Helping Hands), Rebecca Errickson (Legacy Treatment Services), Michael Santillo (John Brooks Recovery Center)

Media:

Civic/Volunteer: Mohammed Ullah (AmeriCorps VISTA)

Other Org.: Sean Kolins (Seabrook), Ken Litwak (800Gambler), Kathryn Gibson & Joe Faldetta (Cape Assist)

Staff: Laurie Smith, Bob Zlotnick, Brian Wilson

Guest/Other:

Motion to approve the minutes – 1st Kathryn Saxton-Granato, 2nd Dylan Wulderk. Minutes Approved

Internal Coalition Business:

DFC - Bob Zlotnick reported that the application was not approved. JTAC made sure the requirements were all fulfilled and he believes that the grant was only missed by a few points. Good news is that we will probably get it again next year, if not will get it the year after that. JTAC is not going anywhere, this year will be considered a “gap” year which will allow everyone to catch up and work on sustainability and improving our application for next year. JTAC needs to be maintained in order reapply and is funded by several other grants including our regional coalition grant with Cape Assist. JTAC did receive the CARA Grant which is opioid specific which is a 3 year grant, and we also got STOP Act for underage drinking last year. The only changes since we don't have DFC will be a few activities will be cut or reduced. JTAC will still meet six times a year, Opioid Task Force may not meet as much as before, maybe quarterly. Other changes will include not sending coalition members to the CADCA training down in D.C. in February or the midyear training in the summer, will possibly buy less medicine lock boxes this year and scale back with other spending. At the NJPN Conference in April, JTAC usually funds 14 members to attend, unfortunately the same amount of people will not be funded to go this April. If any member is given the chance through their organization or municipal alliance, they should try and utilize them. Highway Traffic Safety gives grants for attendance as well if you participate in the HTS tract. Laurie will remind everyone to apply as it gets closer. JTAC will also look into fundraising and other partnerships. APR did get a pledge of ten thousand dollars over a three year period for their annual fundraiser. Bob stated if the coalition agreed to accept some of the donation it could be applied to JTAC. There is also a possibility that JTAC will get funding for tobacco projects.

AmeriCorps - Liz finished her year of service in August. Started her masters at Monmouth University. Mo is the new AmeriCorps VISTA. The first year, there were 18 VISTAs, then there were 10, now this year there are 4 VISTAs, including Mo. The grant will be done after this year, but Laurie was already contacted about the next round of grants which will include VISTAs for specific topics. The grant will be applied for in February, the same time as the DFC grant.

STOP ACT - Laurie reported that they will be doing different projects to minimize underage drinking. The winner of the coalition's PSA contest had their submission placed on a billboard in Pleasantville on Main Street, behind La Cosecha. The winner's were awarded gift cards and their entries were in the newspaper.

Opiate Athlete Grant - A toolkit was completed by New Jersey Prevention Network, and will be discussed at a webinar in a few weeks. The copy of the toolkit will be distributed to coaches, athletic directors, recreation departments, and others. It consists of sections that are specific to different audiences such as coaches, school nurses, and school administrators and there are resources included for each sector.

CARA - JTAC received the CARA grant which is a 3 year grant. This grant is specifically for opioids. One major focus is on physicians and a program Bob envisioned, an idea similar to that of a pharmaceutical rep. scheduling 5 minute physician visits to deliver information/education about proper drug prescribing/ and disposal to physicians. There will be an intern working on this project. This will be an effort just to reinforce information about pharmaceutical drugs.

JTAC Newsletter - The August edition hasn't come out yet. JTAC is waiting for the youth that participated at our past retreat to get their permission slips signed so that their pictures can be placed in the newsletter.

JTAC Retreat - Laurie thanked everyone who came to the Mays Landing Country Club for the JTAC Retreat. Next year, it may not be held in the same place due to funding.

Committee/Work Group Updates:

SUAR- 4 youth attended the JTAC retreat. Sticker Shock was completed in the Mays Landing area at 2 new liquor stores, one is located behind Wal-Mart and the other is in downtown Mays Landing. The stickers that are placed on alcoholic beverages such as six packs, 12 packs and 18 packs contain the consequences of providing alcohol to minors. First meeting for the county group will be the 3rd or 4th week in September and school groups will start meetings in October.

Membership Committee - The previous VISTA, Liz, looked up other by-laws and found things that can be added to our by-laws. We are looking for members to be on this committee. Laurie will email bylaws to the committee to review and highlight/mark any changes or updates they think would be good. We will then review and approve at the next coalition meeting in November.

Marketing/Media Committee – A discussion was held at the last Opioid Task Force meeting to put PSA commercials by the TRUTH Campaign before movies in local theaters, the PSA's are based on true stories. The JTAC logo and a phone number for anyone seeking treatment will be added to the PSA's.

Sustainability/Fundraising Committee- Will meet in the next few months

Data Management Group - This group met a few months ago. We are redoing needs assessment for the Cape Atlantic Bridge Coalition. The group came up with new data and statistics to add to the new logic models. PRIDE Surveys will continue in the next year. We will conduct the surveys at high schools in the spring and middle schools in the fall. This information is needed for the DFC grant, STOP Act and others.

Opiate Task Force:

Next meeting will be September 20th at the Prosecutor's Office. The PSA's will be discussed. Bob met with Captain DeShields and the Ocean City prosecutor in hopes of bringing the Blue Heart program to Atlantic County. The program was implemented in Ocean County a few years

go where it states that anyone who comes into the police department seeking help can be linked to a Peer Recovery Specialist. The program is not available 24/7, there are certain times and days.

Naloxone – Charlie Kerley retired but will be coming back to do some Narcan trainings and still wants to be on the coalition. The county currently is in the process of hiring someone for this position. There is no update at this time on naloxone deployments.

Drug Court is now called Recovery Court statewide.

Nursing Symposium - Postcards were mailed and emailed to physician offices, and schools nurses, along with different nursing organizations. Flyers are on the back table but Laurie will also email this flyer out to everyone. The symposium is September 28th at Tropicana Casino Grand Ball Room from 8am to 4pm. This is focused on helping people understand addiction. Presentations will include drug related deaths and the effect on the community, alternatives to pain management, trauma informed care, one size does not fit all for treatment co-occurring disorders presented by Seabrook and Bunting Family Pharmacy. Laurie will speak about JTAC initiatives, Nick Kolen from DEA will be presenting as well as the Atlantic County Prosecutor Damon Tyner. Recovery yoga will begin after the symposium. The cost is \$75, and the event is specifically for nurses. There are 5.5 contact hours being provided through AtlantiCare by the New Jersey State Nurses Association. Other attendees who attend will get a certificate of attendance. You can register at Atlanticare.org/addiction.

Pleasantville Housing Authority - Over the summer, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and JTAC went to Pleasantville Housing Authority buildings and St. Peters to give residents the opportunity to dispose of their old medications. Residents were also given Deterra bags for future purposes. Overall, there were 30 pounds of medication collected.

Interventions/Updates:

Faith Based Meeting - Instead of having a meeting tomorrow, a survey will be sent out to faith based leaders to ask what type of training and resources they need.

Prescription Drop boxes - Brian reported that another drop box was installed in the Brigantine Police Department. Now there are 19 drop boxes throughout the county. Between 2016 and 2017 we collected over 3500lbs of prescription medications in the drop boxes that JTAC placed. This number does not include the drop boxes placed by the Attorney Generals Office. Dylan Wulderk from AtlantiCare reported that they installed three prescription drop boxes in their pharmacies. Two of the boxes placed by AtlantiCare are in their Atlantic County pharmacies located across from the hospital in Galloway and one in the Health Complex in Atlantic City. Dylan also noted that he believes the CVS on Tilton Rd. in Northfield and the Walgreens on Ocean Heights have drop boxes. Stockton Police Dept. and Hamilton Township Police Dept. are the only departments that don't have drop boxes in Atlantic County. We are waiting on Stockton to hire a new Director of Public Safety. Hamilton Township Police Department's reason for not having a drop box installed was issue with location of the box and manpower to

oversee the project. In the future, pharmacies are being looked into for having possible drop boxes. Joe Bunting from Bunting Family Pharmacy is considering it.

Stockton Recovery Housing - Mo will meet the recovery students at Stockton at the start the semester. There are currently 4 students. He will be working on programs for the recovery students.

Service Learning class- Laurie, Brian, and Mo will be participating in three service learning classes at Stockton University this fall. We will be working with Laurie Dutton's Peer Education Drugs and Alcohol class which will consist of projects such opiate awareness campaign, the Strangers Project, hotel/motel alcohol policies, and the Above the Influence Campaign with an emphasis on problem drinking on college campuses. Students select which project they would like to work on throughout the semester. The other two classes will work stickily on the StoryCorps project. For this project, students are given the opportunity to interview a person in recovery, or a family member who has been affected by having someone with a substance misuse disorder, etc. Interviews will be uploaded (can be anonymous) on StoryCorps. This year, 40 or 50 students will be required to interview someone. If any coalition member wants to share a story or refer to someone they know, contact Laurie.

DEA 360 Youth Training- Youth training coming up at Cumberland County College in October. When Laurie has more information about this she will pass it along to everyone.

Above the Influence Youth Summit- This will take place on 4/10/19 at Stockton University.

Hispanic Outreach- JTAC was working with Priscilla Rodriguez over the summer to go to nearby churches throughout the county to work with the Hispanic community. Project was put on hold due to Priscilla changing roles. One issue within this community is that if we give out information in Spanish and get them into treatment, there are no facilities in our county that can take them all the way from intake through to the counseling aspect in Spanish. A lot of agencies use an interpreter but nothing one on one.

Business Policy Breakfast- was held back on 5/16. There were around 55 businesses in attendance. Partnership for Drug Free NJ has about 38 businesses signed on with them to update their workplace policy. These partnerships included getting a toolkit.

Back to School Nights- For the STOP Act and CARA grants, JTAC is disseminating information at Back to School Nights around the county. We have already heard back from some of you that are willing to volunteer these but we may need additional help. If you are interest please let one of us know.

HOPE One - Tim Reed reported that the soft opening went pretty well at the Absecon ShopRite. Two people were sent for recovery, three people were tested for HIV, and two went to detox. Next stop will be in Egg Harbor City between 10am and 2pm with the food bank, South Jersey AIDS Alliance, and Oasis. Brian is working on putting a link on the website to see where the

HOPE ONE truck will be. A recommendation was to dress differently because the ones who were working the truck still looked like police officers with the shirts on. We will meet after this meeting to pick dates for October. Everyone is welcome to come out to Hope One. If anyone knows of any grants to help fund naloxone please let Tim Reed know.

Tobacco Update:

TFHNJ - Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ - 4 million dollars in tobacco grants (RFA's) were released in August and are due Sept 18th. They include focuses on youth and cessation, tobacco free college campuses, youth/young adult workplaces and QuitCenter grants. APR is partnering in writing the grants with NJPN, and is also writing for the QuitCenter for Atlantic County.

Focuses for the TFHNJ grant under CDC funding:

Tobacco Free Workplaces

Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing-Working with HUD funded properties since the HUD ruling for smoke free properties went into effect July 30th. Also looking to work with market rate multi-unit housing

Point of Sale: Doing audits in towns, then working with towns to develop "additional tobacco and vaping policies"

Outdoor Recreational Ordinances-State law passed, prohibiting smoking on all beaches and parks. Will go into effect early in 2019. We have FREE signs for parks and beaches. We have a limited amount, so let us know if you would like some for your town.

CAB:

Meeting 10/2- It will be at the Ocean City Library. We are working on updating the needs assessment/logic models.

Marijuana Symposium- Cape Assist is hosting a symposium on 9/25 at Avalon Links in Cape May Courthouse. The breakfast will begin at 8 and program will follow. Laurie will forward the flyer out to coalition members.

New Business

Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day- will be on October 6th where volunteers go out in neighborhoods and communities to hand out door knockers containing facts about opioids. Last year there were about 30 volunteers participating in this event. This is done through the Partnership with Drug Free NJ. Townships in Atlantic County also give proclamations to recognize October 6th as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day.

Upcoming Events/Announcements/Information:

9/15/18 Recovery Walk will take place on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Registration starts at 8:00am, there will be speakers and then the walk begins at 10:00am. The event is being co-sponsored by Atlanticare, John Brooks, Atlantic Prevention Resources, JTAC, Seabrook, Enlightened Solutions, Footprints, and more. Registration is online and the event is free. If you donate \$20, you can get a t-shirt. If you donate \$30, you can get a t shirt and a wristband for the Steel Pier for the day. HOPE ONE will also be at this event.

9/22/18 PRO-ACT Recovery Walk in Philadelphia.

10/21/18 HERO Walk/5K in Ocean City.

Mallinckrodt donated 15,000 Deterra drug disposal bags to APR over the summer.

APR is hosting the 10th annual Bocce tournament on October 6th. Teams of 4 can enter for \$200, this includes a breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. The event will take place at the Beacon Church on 6th Ave in Galloway Township. If you'd like to enter or sponsor this event let Bob know. It is in memory Meg Linzer, who tragically died in a car accident.

Ken at 800Gambler.org informed the group on 9/21/18 there will be a statewide conference on compulsive gambling. The main focus for 800Gambler right now is for treatment expansion. A large grant was awarded to expand the number of gambling counselors in New Jersey. There are 23 gambling counselors on the website, the goal is to partner with more agencies to fund more training and get more counselors. Trainings are typically 30 hours long, three or four times a year. There are four trainings going on before the end of the year. One training is offered on Fridays starting on September 28th, at the Casino Control Commission in Atlantic City. Another training is offered on Saturdays at Seabrook, beginning on September 29th. Another training is offered near 800Gambler.org in Hamilton beginning November 7th. 800Gambler.org is also trying to offer a training in a rolling format at their office during the winter so that there will be a training every week.

Joe Faldetta Cape Assist- Commented on the DFC grant that he has heard that a lot of other fifth year DFC grantees had a gap year so not to get completely discouraged. On another note Cape Assist is having there Endless Summer Benefit at the Windrift Hotel; tickets are \$40. The event will take place on Thursday, 9/20/18 starting at 6pm.

Kathy Gibson- We are anticipating recovery high school opening January 2019. Still waiting for funding to be approved but will open with/without funding.

Joanne – Atlanticare Behavioral Health was awarded the STAR (Support Team for Addiction Recovery) Grant for Atlantic County. It is funding a case management recovery support service for those with opioid use disorder. Anyone that wants to seek this service has to have an opioid use disorder, be an Atlantic County resident and be above the age of eighteen. We provide 24/7 support to those are in need of this service, including transportation, housing, food, getting them on social security, linking them with other services etc. The phone number for the STAR Program is 609-569-7827. Flyers will be sent out to Laurie.

Matt Piskun Shore Medical Center – Pain Stewardship Committee at Shore Medical Center– Pushing a lot of non-pharmacologic, non-opioid pain relief for pre-operative and post-operative. They are exploring new ways of dealing with pain management.

John Roy Children's System of Care/Care Management Organization- they work with youth and young adults and their parents – The State under the system of care have allotted close to 100 beds for youth with substance use issues. You can contact Substance Abuse Navigators or Perform Care. This is for inpatient and outpatient treatment.

George Dannenhauer TRYIT – Currently low in numbers, referrals have been down.

If you attended the JTAC retreat and filled out the survey and requested a certificate of attendance we have them here today for you to pick up before leaving the meeting.

Next Meeting - November 13th

Motion to adjourn 1st John Roy, 2nd Robin Keyack. Motion approved.