

Join Together Atlantic County

Atlantic County Government Offices
101 S. Shore Rd, Shoreview Building
Northfield, NJ 08225
Monday March 14, 2016
11:00am - 1:00pm

Attendance/Sectors & Agencies Represented:

Youth:

Parents: Laurinda Hendrix, Ted Houry

Law Enforcement: Tavana Hooks (NJ Superior Court)

Govt Agency: Charlie Kerley (Atlantic County Alliance), Rhonda Fitzgerald (AC Health Depart)

School:

Youth Service Org., Kathryn Saxton-Granato (CIACC)

Healthcare:

Religious/Fraternal Org.:

Business: Tracy Smith (Speakers for Change)

Media:

Civic/Volunteer: John Livezey (Brigantine Municipal Alliance)

Other Org: Jake Straughn & George Dannenhauer (Atlantic County TRY IT Program)

Staff: Laurie Smith, Bob Zlotnick, Kathy McFadden, Brian Wilson

Guest/Other: Kim Burns (Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ), Catherine Mayer (New Jersey Prevention Network)

Introductions/Sign In, Review Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting. Motion to approve minutes – 1st Kathryn Saxton-Granato 2nd John Livezey.

Internal Coalition Business

CADCA National Leadership Forum – Laurie, Bob and Brian attended the February CADCA National Leadership Forum in Maryland. This forum is attended by several thousand coalition members and staff from around the world. There were around 75 different ATOD courses attendees could choose from.

Capitol Hill Day – One of the 4 days is dedicated for attendees to visit their local legislatures on Capitol Hill. A group from New Jersey along with Laurie, Bob and Brian met with representatives of Sen. Corey Booker and Congressman Frank LoBiondo.

Several handouts were distributed at the meeting from CADCA workshops including information sheets on alcohol, marijuana and current Federal legislation.

Also during this week in D.C. Laurie, Brian, and Bob attended a graduation ceremony for successfully completing CADCA Academy. The CADCA Academy is a three week coalition training and is a requirement of the DFC funding.

PRIDE Survey – PRIDE Surveys have been completed and we have received the results. There were roughly 800 8th grade students from many area schools that participated in the survey. NJ law requires active consent forms from parents of students to take the survey. Some specific results that were discussed from the survey were the perception of risk of both alcohol and marijuana has gone down. This current trend is happening across the US as more states legalize medical and recreational marijuana use, youth perceive the drug as less harmful. On the survey were several new questions not surveyed in 2010 concerning prescription drug misuse. Data coming from Colorado shows the highest use among youth in the nation as well as visits to the ER have increased and accidents from driving while high etc. On the survey were several new questions not surveyed in 2010 concerning prescription drug misuse.

NJPN Conference – This year's NJPN Conference will be held on Friday April 29th at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The coalition is utilizing DFC funding to send 12 members, if you are interested in attending contact Laurie. On April 28th there will be a separate conference specifically focusing on marijuana. The cost for the marijuana day will be \$100 per person. Scholarships for Friday are still available through municipal alliances, NJPN website has information to receive scholarships from GCADA.

JTAC Logo/Brochure – We have now finalized the JTAC logo and have added it to all of our resources. Laurie handed out and asked for input on the inside of the brochure. A suggestion was made to add a section on the back for anyone interested in joining JTAC.

New Chair Person – We are currently looking for two members to fill the position of chairman/co chairman. If anyone is interested please contact Laurie.

Meeting location/time – Our meetings will now be held here in the Atlantic County Government Offices which are located at 101 S. Shore Rd, Shoreview Building, Northfield, NJ 08225 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. We had discussion about having a night time meeting so that we could have more school personnel involved. However doing this we would lose our day time meeting attendees. Laurie does currently attend SAC meetings that are held out at Stockton every other month.

Committees/Work Group Updates

Linking Youth to Services Work Group – This group is reviewing barriers as to why so many youth are not getting the evaluations and treatment they need. The group met with former juvenile court Judge Jackson. Judge Jackson was very creative in his approach and discussed who the group can meet with to help make sure the youth are getting treated.

Never Alone Youth Meeting – The youth recovery group has stopped meeting. With Lighthouse being sold and closing their adolescent treatment unit other youth stopped coming because there were so few young adults. Hope All Day is also looking for a new location so we do not want to continue to advertise knowing that we have to stop meeting there in a month. Lack of transportation was discussed as another barrier with getting youth to attend. It was recommended that in the future when we give this another try to work with the teen centers that are in the high schools. Dawn believes that it is something they can possibly look into at least for EHT. Ted said it would be great to have a group that would grant amnesty to the students so they wouldn't have to fear speaking up.

Opiate Task Force – Recently had our 3rd meeting. Some of the interventions the task force wants to do are for all substance abuses not just opiates. The group is working on police resource guide, Faith Based resources (Mission Teen), trainings for school staff and police officers. Ocean County Task Force has disbanded. Camden County Task Force is very active, they are doing trainings for each class of police academy, giving recruits different perspectives from the families and professionals. Another issue recently discussed was school nurses having Naloxone in the schools. Charlie said he has worked with Dr Stepura, the county Superintendent, to authorize school nurses to carry naloxone within the next three months. The next Juvenile Officers meeting which includes school resource officers will be having a naloxone training. Some staff at local schools went and had training on their own and carry it with them. The coalition discussed the need for a recovery high school in South Jersey and it was mentioned Stockton is working on campus recovery housing.

Do No Harm for Physicians – is setup through the Partnership for a Drug Free NJ, Laurie is working with them to set one up at AtlantiCare.

Do No Harm Symposium for Faith Based Organizations- this is also being planned.

Bob mentioned the existing drug testing policy at Mainland high school it is for all students participating in any activities outside classroom learning and includes any seniors who wish to drive to school

Next opiate task force meeting is open to public and will take place at Mays Landing Library from 6 – 8pm, Thursday May 12th.

Interventions/Updates

Prescription Drug Drop Boxes – As reported in the past we have purchased 8 prescription drop boxes and have been able to successfully place 6 of them in the last year. The most recent one that we have placed is in the Absecon Police Department. We are currently working with Pleasantville, Hammonton and Somers Point. Pleasantville is currently in the process of obtaining waiver from DEA. As soon as Pleasantville has that waiver we will then move forward to get it up and running. As for Hammonton and Somers Point we are still in the discussion stage.

“If Only”– On Friday February 26th at Stockton University a free video was shown called “If Only” This free short 30 min film focusing of opiate addiction and the crises we are faced with today was created by James Wahlberg of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. Following the video a panel discussion took place including Senator Joseph Vitale, treatment professionals, parents, a Stockton student in recovery, another student who lost her mother to an overdose. There were about 100 people in attendance from Stockton as well as community members.

April Youth Summit- This year’s April Youth Summit will again be at Stockton on Friday April 8th. There will be 7 area high schools attending, with roughly 250 total students in attendance. The “If Only” video will be shown in the morning opening session. Students will then rotate throughout the day to 7 different workshops which will include workshops on vaping/e-cigarettes, Alcohol 101, Fatal Vision Goggle activities, Fatal Vision Goggle Pedal Carts, Green Dot program, Music videos counteracting positive drug messages in songs, and Tracy Smith from Speakers for Change.

Stockton Service Learning – This is our fourth year in a row participating in Stockton service learning classes. They will be working on 5 different projects this semester.

1. Opiate campaigns on campus – Information tables, activities, and awareness campaigns
2. Youth Summit workshops – Prepare/work substance abuse prevention activity for students attending youth summit.
3. 100% proofing - Researching and trying to create policy change with 100% proofing. This means everyone would get carded no matter of age.
4. ATI social media – Oversee all ATI social media pages and social media presentation to JTAC members.
5. Under 21 obtaining alcohol survey – Surveying college students who are under 21 how often they drink and how they obtain alcohol.

AmeriCorps Vista Grants – Laurie is writing a grant with the Stockton Service Learning department to have an AmeriCorps volunteer. Stockton reached out to Laurie to partner with them and have the person work with JTAC full time for an entire year.

CAB –Currently working on magnet that will list the 5 steps from American Medicine Chest Challenge and link to locate a prescription drop box in Atlantic County. Also will be creating alcohol add for our April alcohol awareness month. We Check for 21is coming up in both counties in June for liquor licensees.

SUAR Youth Coalition – has groups meet once a month at EHTHS, Oakcrest High School, and Buena High School. A group of students also meet on a county level once a month and are currently working on preparing a workshop for this year’s 2016 April Youth Summit that will be held at Stockton. The workshop will be on vaping/E-Cigarettes.

Tobacco Update- Buena Vista passed a smoke free ordinance for all Municipal property, it also included electronic smoking devices. Kim spoke at their Buena TV night to explain the ordinance and give exposure to it. Kim is also working with Laurie to get list of cigarette licensed stores to distribute Look, See, Check ID information. The State has the list and has not distributed it yet. Included in the mailing will be information about vaping. There was some discussion about vaping and the dangers of it, with our school age kids using vapes more than regular cigarettes.

New Business

NJPN Be the One APP – Catherine Mayer from NJPN gave presentation on the Be the One App. Coalition members and residents can download the app for free which will allow them to take photos of things that may positively/ negatively impact the community. This will allow the coalition to detect areas and focus on finding solutions to problems in their local community. After the problem is corrected a new photo will be uploaded to report change. You can also take pictures of positives for encouragement and to show that our strategies are working. Everyone encouraged downloading the free app and beginning using. Catherine presented on how the app actually works and how to use it.

Deterra – Is a drug deactivation system that allows individual to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medication in the privacy of their home. The Deterra bag can be filled with 90 pills, or 12 oz of liquid medication or 12 patches. After adding your medication you then fill halfway with warm water wait 30 seconds seal and dispose of in normal trash. There are two charcoal packets inside the Deterra bag which break down the medication. Everything is completely biodegradable and safe. No way of using drugs after the process started because charcoal would make anyone sick who ingest it.

Upcoming events /announcements/Information

April 15th Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey will be holding a free Forum on Rx and heroin abuse. Examining the epidemics past, present and future. Seating is limited to 150 people.

May 4th expungement probation Officer

Addiction Treatment Services International (ATSI) will be hosting Family Education Night. Parents, families and friends are welcome to attend. This will be held the first Tuesday of every month from 7pm to 830pm at ATSI 313 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd, Galloway, NJ 08205. For more information contact Cindy at 609-489-6009.

JTAC recently created a short video on heroin and addiction. Please visit the JTAC Facebook page like and share the video.

Young People in Recovery is holding an event May 12th at Our Lady of Sorrows Church 630pm

Tracy's is still in the process of creating her speakers bureau she will keep us posted.

Try it – Offer free assessments to juveniles – Currently running 4 weekly groups

CIACC recently held a motivational Interviewing training.

Narcan/Naloxone training - 9 out of 12 Atlantic County trainings have been scheduled. Contact Charlie to learn more and to schedule.

July 16th Brigantine Hooked on Fishing, 7-8 am ATOD presentation 9:00am attendees will go fishing

4th Thursday Mission Church Somers Point holds Young People in Recovery meeting.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 9th 11:00am-1:00pm at the same location Atlantic County Government Offices, 101 S. Shore Rd, Northfield.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 1st Tracy Smith, 2nd Laurinda Hendrix