

## **Montgomery County Opiate Task Force**

May 23, 2013

2:00 – 4:00

Present: Andrea Hoff, ADAMHS  
Andrew Sokolnicki, ADAMHS  
Ariz Anklesaria, Community volunteer  
Cameron McNamee, ODH  
Maj. Darryl Wilson, Sheriff's Office  
Maj. David Wolford, City of Dayton Police Dept.  
Lt. Joe Wiessman, City of Dayton Police Dept.  
Dwight Richards, Project CURE  
Gary LeRoy, WSU  
Heather Stevens, WSU/CITAR  
Helen Jones-Kelley, ADAMHS  
Jason Pickett, MVH  
Jim Gartner, CareSource  
John Woolwine, State Medical Board  
Kathleen Shanahan, OCFC/Homeless Solutions  
Laureen Marinetti, Coroner's Office  
Marty Larson, GDAHA  
Monica Sutter, Premier Health Network  
Robert Carlson, WSU/CITAR  
Russel Falck, WSU/CITAR  
Tim Lane, WSU/CITAR  
Lynn Voisard, ADAMHS

### **WELCOME**

Helen Jones-Kelley, Executive Director of the ADAMHS Board for Montgomery County, welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.

### **UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN**

A small portion of funding for this Task Force (\$12,000) is received through the Ohio Association of Community Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) which requires a work plan indicating task/activities, expected outcomes, details, timeline and assistance required. A copy of the current Montgomery County Opiate Task Force Work Plan was provided for review. It was recommended that a small team be created to review and update the plan to ensure it comprehensively includes all of Montgomery County's opiate efforts. The following individuals volunteered to be a part of the team and additional members will be recruited: Tim Lane, WSU/CITAR and Gary LeRoy, WSU. The proposed document will be circulated prior to the next meeting for review.

## **EVENTS**

Task Force members provided updates on events that have occurred.

- **Don't Get Me Started (DGMS) Statewide Poster Contest** – DGMS is a statewide public service campaign that speaks to young adults and their friends and family on issues around opiate substance abuse. In partnership with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), DGMS drives Ohio residents to watch videos and understand how prescription drug addiction as well as other opiates negatively impacts the lives of so many Ohioans across the state. ADAMHS staff held a contest for middle schools and three Dayton Public Schools participated. Staff voted on the first, second, and third place winning posters and the first place winning poster was entered into the statewide contest. Chelsea Brundon, a 14-year old 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Wright Brothers Pre-K-8 School, won first place at the local contest and her poster was entered and won third place in the statewide contest. In media interviews, Chelsea said she wants to use her art to inspire others to make good choices. ADAMHS will hold a similar contest next year.
- **Opiate Town Hall Meeting** – Approximately 150 attendees with key leadership from the state and local levels attended the free community event to discuss the opiate epidemic in Montgomery County. Of particular note was the parent of a young man who died at the age of 17 who spoke about her loss and her crusade to make sure something similar does not happen to another child. ADAMHS has been receiving phone calls from individuals asking what they can do to help and Neighborhood Associations want to have town halls at the neighborhood level. Thanks to everyone that participated.
  - **Tip Soft Application** – The Police Department and Sheriff's Department will be coordinating a program to reduce crime and drug related activities by the sharing of information between the public and law enforcement. The program is intended to provide those who are used to, and comfortable with, communicating through text messaging, an avenue to anonymously communicate to keep the community safe and drug free. The text message is sent and an alias is generated, masking the identity of the sender from law enforcement. Based on a population of 150,000 the cost is approximately \$3,500. It was reported that details are being finalized. Other entities who have implemented a similar program use gift cards as incentives for youth to download the application. ADAMHS' Public Information Officer will be working with law enforcement to coordinate this in our community.
- **MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNITY PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING CONFERENCE** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Miami Valley Community Problem Oriented Policing Conference was held at the Kroc Center on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. There were 400-500 in attendance. Participants were provided the tools needed to prevent crime, promote safety and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Andrea Hoff and Tim Lane held presentations on drug overdoses in our community.

- **MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY CELEBRATION** – ADAMHS participated at this annual event that was sponsored by Senior Resource Connection. There were 1,200 senior citizens in attendance at Hara Arena. Senior citizens are vulnerable to drug abuse through the number of medications they receive and medications that might be stolen from them. There was literature available at a booth and all information was distributed.

**INJURY PREVENTION UPDATES** – Robert Carlson and Russel Falck shared that the funding for the Poison Death Review was for four years and they are in the final year of that funding.

- Poisoning Death Review Summary Report, 2012 – The Montgomery County Coroner's office provides the data for this report. Tim Lane reviewed highlights from the various areas in the document, which indicated the following:
  - Increase to 59% for heroin use is significant
  - Decrease from 74% to 45% for the use of any prescription opioids
  - Decedents having any opiate in their system at time of death has remained consistent at approximately 90%

Laureen Marinetti from the Montgomery County Coroner's office shared that numbers of deaths from drug overdoses for 2013 are not slowing down. Heroin deaths in 2013 are likely to exceed 2012.

There was discussion on the location of death, how it is reported, whether or not all deaths were residents of Montgomery County, as well as how homeless individuals are counted in the data. Dwight Richards reported that there is an equine asthma medication that is being used to cut heroin that is causing breathing complications.

- Overdose Poster – The number of unintentional deaths involving prescription opioids has decreased; however, the number of accidental deaths associated with heroin use increased over the last two years. To educate the public and prevent additional deaths, a *Prevent Drug Overdose* poster has been created. It addresses overdose symptoms, prevention, how to reduce risk, and how to help someone during an overdose. The poster will be widely distributed throughout the county, targeting those areas with the most significant problems. ADAMHS and WSU/CITAR staff are meeting to recruit volunteers to visit venues to distribute posters. Family & Children First Council is assisting with distribution of posters in County buildings and there are ongoing efforts to distribute variations of this information on billboards and with RTA buses.
- Parole and Probation Authorities – When individuals are released from custody, drug treatment facility or incarceration, they are at a higher risk of overdose because they are opiate naive. There are some counties who provide a letter with suggestions on how to protect themselves and could this be replicated in Montgomery County. Sheriff's Department shared that they have done something similar in the past, but it ends up in the trash. It was suggested that if a short video could be prepared, it

could be shown to inmates during the weekly lock-down on television time.  
ADAMHS' public information officer will work with WSU and the jail on this issue.

**PHYSICIAN EDUCATION** – Dr. Doug Teller from Kettering Health Network had a presentation at the town hall meeting regarding appropriate prescribing practices. Dr. Teller has indicated he is willing to conduct trainings for prescribers. This is being coordinated with Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association. Dr. LeRoy is concerned that it is being marketed only to primary care physicians and not to all prescribers. PA's, nurses, ER doctors, surgical doctors, and the dentists should be included in this training. The Medical Board, Pharmacy Board and Nursing Board have adopted opioid prescribing guidelines for licensees outside of the emergency department. These guidelines can be accessed here:  
<http://www.med.ohio.gov/pdf/NEWS/Prescribing%20Opioids%20Guidlines.pdf>

**PROJECT DAWN** – Cameron McNamee from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) discussed the Project DAWN program. ODH allocated seed money and technical assistance to initiate Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone), Ohio's first Overdose Reversal Project. Project DAWN is housed at the Portsmouth City Health Department and serves all of Scioto County. The target population for Project DAWN is aimed at reducing opioid drug overdose deaths by targeting a wide-range of high-risk individuals. Naloxone can prevent costly drug overdose-related hospital stays.

HB170 introduced by representatives Johnson and Stinziano does four things:

1. Authorizes physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants to provide naloxone to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party individual
2. Allows 3<sup>rd</sup> party individual to utilize medication on someone without a valid script (removes penalty)
3. Allows law enforcement to obtain and administer the medication if they have a terminal distributor license in their agency (similar to pilot programs in New York and Massachusetts)
4. Allows EMT-Basics use of intranasal version of naloxone

Senator Kearney and Co-sponsor Senators Lehner and Seitz have introduced a similar Naloxone Access Bill (SB105 - full details of the bill can be found at [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130\\_SB\\_105](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_105)).

**GOOD SAMARITAN LAW** – Andrew Sokolnicki provided updates on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Law. These laws provide limited immunity from arrest or prosecution for minor drug law violations for people who summon help at the scene of an overdose as well as for those who overdose.

It was suggested that several individuals attend the Miami Valley Chief of Police Association meeting in June to share information about the proposed legislation and the possibility of adding a provision related to the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Law.

Andrea Hoff will coordinate speakers for the June meeting. A sample letter of support was provided which could be sent to legislators in support of the bill.

Would homeless shelters be allowed to train staff to administer naloxone? If HB 170 or SB 105 were to pass, they would be able to train and equip staff with the medication. Naloxone is classified as a prescription drug, so a healthcare provider has to be involved. Naloxone is not available widely in pharmacies and has to be ordered. Montgomery County is currently reviewing proposals for a community-based program to distribute naloxone kits begin operations on July 1, 2013. Hospitals can distribute naloxone, which takes away some of the legal issues. The main concern to the hospitals would be the cost of the kits.

**WHIO TV REPORTS** – Public Service Program – Helen Jones-Kelley, Jim Gross, and Dr. Gary LeRoy will be taping shows with Jim Otte which will be aired at the end of June.

**OPEN FORUM / ADJOURN** – Focus for the next meeting will be to further discuss Project DAWN and the Good Samaritan Law.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2013 beginning at 2:00 PM at the ADAMHS Board.