Scioto County Rx Drug Action Team
Community Take Back Project
2010
## Unintentional Drug/Medication Poisoning Death rates by County Ranking, Ohio, 2000-07*

*Source: Ohio Vital Stats*

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Welcome to Portsmouth, Ohio—
the signs went up in 2008
And just in case you missed those signs..... more came in 2009!
Scioto County statistics are deceptively low, due to the fact that they ONLY reflect those residents who actually died in the county, and received autopsy. If a person survives long enough to be transferred to another emergency facility, or actually dies while in another county, their death will not be reflected on Scioto County Coroner’s Records.

Between 1999 and 2008, there was a 340% increase in accidental poisoning deaths in Scioto County, Ohio (by actual number).
Scioto County Rx Overdose Deaths 2008-2009 by Actual Number and Percent

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<th>No Rx (65%)</th>
<th>Own Rx (35%)</th>
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The Counseling Center
Admissions (opiates) 2007-2009

- 2007: 100 admissions
- 2008: 350 admissions
- 2009: 400 admissions
Scioto County Ranks #1 of all of Ohio’s 88 counties (3X State avg.)
Unintentional fatal drug poisoning rates\(^1\) and distribution rates of prescription opioids\(^2,3\) in grams per 100,000 population\(^4\) by year, Ohio, 1997 -2007 (1999-2007 for opioids)

Sources: \(^1\)ODH Office of Vital Statistics, \(^2\)DOJ-DEA ARCOS

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\(^3\)Codeine, buprenorphine, oxycodone, hydromorphone, hydrocodone, meperidine, methadone, Morphine, fentanyl base (transdermal) in opioid equivalents (morphine 30mg)
Results of 2008 Pharmacy Board Study- 20 Million MORE Pills!

*Oxycodone*- 9.5 Million more pills prescribed and filled in the southern Ohio region.

*Hydrocodone*- 10.8 Million more pills prescribed and filled in the southern Ohio region.
Scioto County Rankings....

- On DEA’s Top Ten Counties in the Nation for illegal prescription drug trafficking.
- Second highest prescription drug overdose death rate in the state.
- Highest Hepatitis C rate of all of Ohio’s 88 counties.
- Ranked Lowest of the 88 Ohio counties in overall health by the Ohio Department of Health (2009).
Why is this happening in Scioto County?

- High distribution rates create an atmosphere conducive to addiction and overdose.
- Death rates are highest in rural communities, OxyContin has been called “Hillbilly Heroin”.
- West Virginia and Kentucky also experiencing high death rates, especially from opiates.
- Scioto County has the highest concentration of Pain Clinics in Ohio, and it keeps growing.
Scioto County Dispensaries - total FIVE and one Leads the Nation!

- Affiliated with Pain Clinics
- Response to RPh refusals to fill
- Always the Goal of the Clinic- an In-House Pharmacy will attract more business/ double or triple the cash-flow
- Armed guards
- Bullet-proof glass
- Bring in several M $$$$$$$$$$$ / yr. (CASH!)
Pharmacy and Practitioner Purchases of OxyContin by County

January 1 – December 31, 2009

OH Average = 14,113

Above Average = 17,642 units or more
Average = 10,585 – 17,641 units
Below Average = 10,584 units or less
Scioto County- 2009

- Has 149 licensed Physicians
- Patient/Physician ratio of 531/1
- Local licensed Physicians can treat pain, plus other conditions
- Currently is home to nine Pain Clinics
- 20 MILLION MORE oxycodone/hydrocodone pills than northern control counties

Are we really in that much pain?
We are sure in a great big world of hurt!
A Community “Call to Action” (When *Enough is Enough!* )
January 2010-News series- raising Community Awareness-and *Ire!*

“*Let’s tell the people all of the Ugly Truth!*”

- 20 Newspaper articles
- 5 TV News Press Conferences
- TV Reporter thrown out of a Clinic *TWICE!*
A “Call To Action” Meeting Oct. 2009
Three Town Hall Meetings December- March 2010- due to public demand- packed all 3 locations- News covered
State Medical Board attended on Dec. 16, 2009
A Citizen’s group circulated a “Petition of the People” to ask the Governor to initiate investigations and response to this epidemic.
Over 2,800 signatures collected and presented.
Governor’s office attended March 2010

Scioto County began to demand change!
Dr. Aaron Adams D.O./ Health Commissioner
On Jan. 29, 2010 a Public Health Emergency was declared in Scioto County, Ohio
Scioto County Rx Drug A-Team- a Community Coalition is formed!

• Formed in January 2010- lead by Public Health

• Includes members from various disciplines and agencies including healthcare, addictions, and law enforcement

• Includes local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies
Goals of Rx Drug Action Team

- Educate HCP on scope of problem/ increase OARRS use/ appropriate and safe prescribing practices
- Assess and address contributing factors in Scioto County/ Poison Death Reviews
- Provide prevention education and efforts to targeted groups
- Enlist outside resources to assist with restoring Scioto County/ long-term change
Logo—“Be the Wall”
The Campaign for Assistance...
February 2010

US Senator Sherrod Brown:

- Responded February 2010

  - Met with Committee s in Adams Brown and Scioto counties.
  - Convened a Meeting of local, state, and federal reps from DEA, LE, Public Health, Addictions, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Attorney General.
  - Wrote to the president.
  - Pledged resources and assistance.
Governor/Ohio Health Dept.
Visit Scioto County
Executive Order April 2, 2010
We must have been pretty loud!

- Columbus Dispatch did several articles
- ONN and Ch. 10 continues to cover
- A Documentary is being made
- Yale University research student coming for 3 months
- “Men’s Health” article
  11-10 (Los Angeles)
Scioto County 2010

- A County in transition
- Hope to be a County in Recovery someday
- Good things started to happen. Next came the Calvary!
Findley St. (Portsmouth) Pain Clinic
Florida Doctor/ Felon Owner

Two Men Arrested, Charged
Local Man Also Wanted
By Franklin County

BY RYAN SCOTT OTTNEY
PDT STAFF WRITER

Two men were charged with drug trafficking after Portsmouth police found them near a clinic in the city with more than 8,000 mg of oxycodone Saturday.

According to police, officers responded to a reported clinic in the 1200 block of Findley Street, in Portsmouth, after being advised that a subject just left the building and he is wanted in Franklin County. Police found the car parked on 13th Street, with the suspect talking to someone in his car. Then the suspect reportedly stepped out of the car and went back inside the building.

Police approached the car and spoke with Thomas Amos, 44, of Huntington, W.Va.

They asked Amos who the man was that went inside the clinic, and Amos identified him as Ernest McCoy, 43, of Franklin Furnace. Police said this was the same name reported to them as having a warrant in Franklin County.

Inside the car, police reportedly saw a gym bag with pill bottles inside. Amos gave police consent to search his vehicle, and officers found oxycodone prescription bottles in his name, given by two different doctors. He had reportedly been issued 8,760 mg of oxycodone — more than the last three days, and only a “small amount” was left.

Amos also had $1,200 cash, and what appeared to be drug figures on a notebook he was holding when officers approached him. Police said Amos appeared to be allegedly “doctor shopping,” and selling the medications that he had received.

Amos and McCoy were both charged with trafficking in drugs. McCoy was also charged with having a warrant from Franklin County.

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Clinic Raids- April 22, 2010- Christmas comes EARLY!

Two in Portsmouth (Scioto County), one in Columbus. Same Owners

All reopened in 2 days/ business as usual pending investigations.
“Be the Wall” Pharmacists!!!
Findley St.Pain Clinic RPh Invitational May 2010
Total Pharmacists attending= ZERO
National Day of Prayer Event
April 2010- “Drive by Prayers”
Pain Clinic- Prayer Vigil
7 Preachers = 7 Prayers
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
March 2010 - Candles in the Park
Our Community Campaign 2010
“Be the Wall Against Drug Abuse”
Martings Window Display 2010
SOLACE Support Group
Memorial to Lost Loved Ones
Still stands in Portsmouth Town Square
"These are OUR children!"
Anti-Drug Skit by Bridges
Involving the Addicted in Community Recovery
Mothman—“Rockin’ for Recovery”
Downtown Portsmouth 7-2-10
Indictments!-August 3, 2010

......and the Good News just keeps coming!

A federal grand jury has indicted a West Portsmouth woman, three members of her family, and a Columbus physician charging them with conspiracy in connection with the operation of a fraudulent pain management clinic, Ohio Medical and Pain Management, LLC, in Waverly. One of the clinic’s employees also has been charged with conspiracy.
A New Sign 2010- US 23 South
Our County Coroner
Billboards sponsored by PPD
Coming Soon!!!!!

SCIOTO COUNTY RX DRUG ACTION TEAM

JOIN
"BE THE WALL" Against Drugs Appalachia Recovery Project at FACEBOOK.COM
GET INVOLVED - 740-353-8863
Pill Mill Protest Tour 2010
(Planning a “Farewell Tour”)

SCIOTO COUNTY
2nd HIGHEST
DEATH RATE IN
OHIO FROM RX
DRUG OVERDOSE

PAIN DOCTOR
OR
LEGALIZED
DRUG DEALER?
Join us at:  (3,700 MEMBERS!)

“Fix the Scioto County Problem of Drug Abuse, Misuse, & Overdose” on FACEBOOK