

**Greene County Human Services Advisory Board  
Drug and Alcohol/SCA Planning Council  
October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Janice Blair-Martin, Gene Rush

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Jeff McCracken, Briana Armenia, Terry Cooley-Taylor, Pat Lemley, Archie Trader

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Marcy Maletta, Acting Drug and Alcohol Director/Chief Fiscal Officer; Tammy Henderson, Administrative Assistant; Tracie Sypin, Prevention Specialist

**Public:** Adrian Miller, SPHS CARE Center

**Call to Order – Janice Blair-Martin**

**Introduction of Board members, Staff, and Public**

**Quorum Check:** Quorum was not met.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion will be tabled until November due to lack of quorum.**

**Vaping Presentation – Tracie Sypin**

Tracie gave a short presentation of Vaping. Tracie passed around several informational articles and types of vaping devices.

**Drug and Alcohol Program Updates – Marcy Maletta**

- a. Case Management/ICM
  - i. Total number of assessments from July 1 through October 21, 2019 – 83
  - ii. Of the 83 assessments –
    - 1 – under age 18
    - 11 – 18-24
    - 54 – 25-39
    - 16 – 40-64
    - 1 – age unknown
  - iii. Referral Sources –
    - 43 from the Courts
    - 10 from CYS
    - 9 voluntarily seeking treatment
    - 7 from a medical provider
    - 13 other
  - iv. Top 3 drug of choice –
    - Suboxone/Subutex (orally)
    - Alcohol

- Marijuana

b. Prevention

- i. Vaping presentation to 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at JMES and 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes at West Greene.
- ii. Attended to CRN trainings for recertification.
- iii. Attended DDAP Phase F training for needs assessment.
- iv. Completed 30-day follow-up at SCI Greene.
- v. Attended JMHS, MBM, and WCHS Open Houses.
- vi. Information Table Recovery Walk at the Greene County Trail on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- vii. Began opioid prevention (Operation Prevention)-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Amazing Alternatives-7<sup>th</sup> grade- at JMMS.
- viii. Began Positive Action in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at JMES.
- ix. Drug Prevention Summit October 17<sup>th</sup> at Waynesburg University – 60 people attended.
- x. Continue to attend SAP meeting.
- xi. Currently doing the MSPP program at WG 4th grade.
- xii. Upcoming Red Ribbon Week programs at JMES, WG, and the last week of October red ribbon week at Carmichaels.
- xiii. Starting Positive Action in Kindergarten at JMES.
- xiv. Holding a SAP Core Team member training for teachers the beginning of December – will be able to fund 4 teachers per school district.
- xv. Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds 6-8pm – still planning agenda for the event.

c. Communities That Cares –

- i. Pumpkin decorating at West Sides on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 people attended.
- ii. Halloween party at Parkview on the 17<sup>th</sup>, around 40 attended.

d. Opioid Strategies

- i. Drug Take Back Boxes & Drug Take Back Day
  - Information Table and Mobile Drug Take Back at the Senior Fair
  - National Drug Take back on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
  - We will be purchasing Deterra Bags to go along with our mobile take back initiative - Each patented Deterra pouch contains a water-soluble inner pod containing proprietary MAT<sub>12</sub>® activated carbon. Once the drugs are placed in the pouch, warm water is then added, which dissolves the inner pod releasing the activated carbon. Deterra works on pills, patches and liquids, allowing them to be adsorbed by the carbon, rendering them inert and non-retrievable.
- e. Rich Levitt presented at CAHS and JMHS on October 18<sup>th</sup> regarding Opioid Misuse – his son died from an opioid overdose

### **Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC)**

- a. Oxford Houses – Still working on getting the license the Oxford Houses into Recovery Houses. The issue is that DDAP has many regulations for this to happen and there is not any funding to help. There was an article in the paper that the Oxford House is struggling to stay open financially. We continue to work with Steps Inside to support them but unfortunately, we do not have any grant funding to help.
- b. Opioid Task Force –
  - i. Heather Yeager, Drug and Alcohol Case Manager, was added to the supply and reduction team. Their main goal this past year was more take back boxes and they completed that goal. The last meeting there were no new goals made in our group because it was decided that we need law enforcement to help make our goals with us and no one that day from any law enforcement was there. Law enforcement such as state police, local law enforcement, sheriff, EMS, someone from probation and someone from the courts.
  - ii. The main discussion was the increase in crystal meth because it is much cheaper than other drugs. The group decided we would like to get more information and education out to the public about methamphetamines. Also putting education and information into the jails to the inmates about the dangers of meth. The schedule for the 2020 drug take backs will be coming out in the next couple of months.
  - iii. The treatment team wants more training on current drugs given to the hospital Emergency Room so they are more prepared. They also would like to look into funding for someone to go out with first responders on the

scene to talk to addicts about going to rehab.

- iv. The prevention team is working on decreasing/limiting the stigma of addiction. Wanting to get the word out that anyone can make a difference and getting out more education to providers.
- v. Next Meeting is 11/18/19

**Announcements:**

- a. Gene Rush passed around statistics concerning deaths in Greene County involving alcohol and drugs that have occurred thus far. Much discussion occurred.

**Public Comment:** none

**Adjournment**

Janice Blair-Martin adjourned the meeting