

ADAPT Coalition Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Marcy Patton, MHRS Board
Brenda Foor, ADAPT Coordinator, FRC
Jennifer Thorn, MHRS Board
Lori Colian, FCFC
Shar Daub, Lisbon Police Department
Melissa Mellon, CASH Coalition
John Hersh, Ozer Ministries, Advisory Group Chair
Brian Moore, East Palestine Police Dept.
Kim Steele, Kent
Robert Mehno, Leetonia Leetonia School District
Kayla Kemats, Columbiana County Health Department
Michelle Marshall, MCTA, Ohio Means Jobs
Belinda Puchajda, Help Network NEO
Carter Hill, Family Recovery Center

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Hersh, Chair.

December 2018 Minutes:

Minutes for the December 13, 2018 meeting were unavailable due to a staffing change at Family Recovery Center.

Manual and bylaws :

Kim Steele reported the Nominating/Bylaw Committee had met to review the bylaws and coalition manual. Minor changes were made to both. A list of Coalition accomplishments was added to the manual, and the Coalition's designation as a state Coalition of Excellence is now noted. Other minor changes included removing some wording about appointments that was no longer relevant, removing term limits, and changing the term to run concurrent with the fiscal year rather than the grant year. The revised manual and bylaws were approved as presented.

Sustainability plan:

Jennifer Thorn reported the Resource Development/Sustainability Committee had met to review and update the coalition's Sustainability Action Plan. The goal of the plan has shifted to ensure sustainability after the Drug Free Communities grant money expires in 2020. Additional strategies for obtaining and maintaining funding have been identified, and leadership teams will be doing more fundraising for their community events. The sustainability plan was approved as presented.

Coordinator's Report:

Brenda reported that vaping compliance checks will likely be done in late April-early May in East Palestine and St. Clair Township. Vaping is becoming an issue in the schools. The devices are sold in convenience stores.

Upcoming events include:

- Run Away From Drugs 5K – May 11 in East Liverpool
- Drug Take Back Day – April 27 in East Liverpool and Salem
- Steps of Change – May 18 at Salem Community Center
- Crestview/Columbiana Family Fest – June 8

The Coalition and Youth Coalition will be participating in several back-to-school events as well.

Brenda attended a one-day training in Columbus: “Safe Schools/Safe Kids.” It is sponsored by the Ohio School Social Workers Association.

A new medication lock box has been added at the St. Clair Township Police Department, funded by the county Health Department.

Alcohol Server Knowledge training will be held next week at two sites – at the DJFS building in Lisbon and the St. Clair Township Police Department in Calcutta. A diverse group has signed up to take the class, including representatives from local brewing companies, drive thrus, bars, and convenience and grocery stores.

STOP ACT:

Carter Hill reported that alcohol compliance checks are ongoing. He is planning a presentation on underage drinking at the youth summer camp in June.

Be Smart Coalition:

Upcoming events as the school year winds down include seatbelt compliance checks, a mock crash and Grim Reaper Day. Through the Buzzed Driving campaign, a blitz is underway for St. Patrick’s Day.

Upcoming training :

A general membership training will be held June 5th at the DJFS building. The training is open to the public and will feature guest speakers. The topic will be opioids and addiction.

Opioid hub

Jennifer Thorn reported that an “opioid hub” is being created by the MHRS board, as is required by the state. ADAPT members are needed to serve on the hub. The first meeting will be held March 29 at the MHRS Board office. The group will address the opioid epidemic and look for solutions. The board has also received grant funding to participate in the Collective Impact program sponsored by OMHAS. As part of this program, the strategies of the hub are focused on supply reduction, harm reduction and demand reduction.

Member Sharing:

Brian Moore reported that the Josh Menning film “Gateway to Hope: Overcoming Heroin,” which was filmed in Columbiana County, will be shown at 7 p.m. March 30 at the East Palestine High School auditorium. The event is open to the public, and tickets are available for sale at the door or online. The movie will be shown to EP students the day before.

Lori Colian reported that there may be an opportunity for some new initiatives as new Gov. Mike Dewine’s budget is passed. There are no details available at this time, but it is believed that there will be funding allocated for early childhood and school mental health programming.

Lori also reported that Leadership Columbiana County is holding a 5K event May 4 at Firestone Park in Columbiana. Organizations are invited to set up info tables, and volunteers are needed, as well as donations for baskets and goody bags.

Vaping was discussed once again. Some schools are enforcing harsher penalties. Vaping will be included as a topic in the Operation Street Smart presentation in the fall. Southern Local schools are hoping to bring in a medical professional to talk to students about the dangers of vaping.

Marcy Patton reported that the one-person play “Every Brilliant Thing” will be presented March 30 at Stage Left Theater in Lisbon. The play looks at mental health through the eyes of a boy whose mother has depression and has attempted suicide.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Jennifer Thorn, MHRS Board

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019