



Cuyahoga County Opiate Task Force Meeting Minutes

Zoom

**June 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Introductions of co-chairs**
 - 1.1. Attendees to mark in chat box name and agency for attendance**

- 2. Dr. Gilson**
 - 2.1. There have been 66 OD deaths in the month of May 2020. This is the largest amount they have seen. Projected that 2020 will continue to see an increase. Of note: OD's are usually split evenly between city and suburbs-this weighed more heavily in the city.**
 - 2.2. Did not see a change in the kind of drugs seized. Carfentanyl still down. Prevention strategies, risk reduction addressed.**
 - 2.3. 3 OD's were people recently released from jail. DAWN kits should be given to everyone released.**
 - 2.4. OFR recommendations made-see slides.**
 - 2.4.1. Of note-women tend to not finish drug court in comparison to the rate of males completing (understanding trauma mentioned)**
 - 2.4.2. QRT outreach to high risk**
 - 2.4.3. Work with trauma loss teams**
 - 2.5. Question-will this continue or is this just an "off" month? Remains to be seen**
 - 2.6. Question-Are other parts of the state seeing the same spike? Yes, around the country. Not sure of state statistics right now. Beth weighed in that Franklin county has, but it was more in March and April.**

- 3. Update from Beth that Naloxboxes may be legal soon**

- 4. Chris Harris: Citizens Academy**
 - 4.1 Ten week educational program-gives residence an inside look at how the medical examiner's office functions**
 - 4.2 Thirty participants, they get 150+ each sessions and 75% are female**
 - 4.3 Agency overview, toxicology, death investigations**
 - 4.4 Can participate in autopsy**

To create a healthier community by reducing accidental fatalities associated with opiate abuse through collaborative partnerships that focus on prevention, treatment, and recovery.

4.5 fingerprinting process, trace evidence, case studies discussed, mock scene death, real vs. TV

4.6 Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. Dinner is provided

5. Tara Nadeau: New Directions

5.1. Adolescent treatment provider

5.2. Doing virtual assessments right now, still accepting clients, distancing with COVID restrictions

5.3. See more boys than girls

5.4. Provide inpatient and outpatient, step down recovery housing, IOP, life skills opportunities

5.5. Seeing more teens from other counties rather than Cuyahoga

5.6. Located in Pepper Pike , Ohio

5.7. Take all forms of insurance, except for some of the smaller ones

5.8. Still have to be in high school for residential treatment, but for 18-21, offer IOP

5.9. They do have a family program that meets Tuesday evenings, now virtually

5.10 Parent class Saturday mornings for 2 hours

5.11 Residents have been able to attend virtual recovery meetings

6. Dr. Margolin, SBIRT presentation

6.1. Pain management practice, Cleveland and Columbus

6.2. Opioid data presented-history and trends

6.3. Highlighted letter sent to CareSource with safety concerns (sharing ot show broad stroke changes do not translate into practical changes

6.4. Main point-the use of SBIRT

6.5. Discussion around pain reduction evaluation (PADT)

6.6. Must be comprehensive,not just one approach

6.7. Presentation around violence against physicians and medical providers who provide pain management treatment (picture of smashed car windows, threatening phone calls, physical violence)

6.8. Concerns that there is no protection

6.9. Following paon management best practices

6.10. There are you tube videos in regard to practicing pain management during COVID pandemic

6.11. Use 5 point strategy

6.12. Can we change it? Dr. Margolin feels it is an over-regulated environment

6.13. Switch from fear to cooperation

6.14. Question-is the staff trained in de-escalation techniques? He says yes.

6.15. Discussion around a loop hole in legislation making hospitals exempt (Proposed Naloxone Amendment for HB 341)

6.16. Question-are the patients open to going to treatment? Over the past 10 year 1,800-2,000 have been referred. Results vary.

Announcements?

Dr. Gilson had a question. Has anyone else received an email asking for support in banning Kratom? Looks like it came from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's office. No one on the call has received this email. Beth will look through hers, as she just got back into the office.

Good news! Telehealth is working in many settings. Shout out to the Woodrow project for making the quick transition to telehealth and getting the clients the services they need.

Next meeting: August 18, 2020 ZOOM Meeting details will be sent prior to the meeting.