



Wood County Prevention Coalition Agenda

October 16, 2015 8:30am ESC

- 📄 In attendance: Greg Van Vorhis, Wood County Educational Service Center (WCESC); Milan Karna, Coalition; Kyle Clark, WCESC; Bill Ivoska, WCESC; Tony Hetrick, Bowling Green Police Division; Hannah Jacobs, WCESC; Rayim Gaddy, PathStone; Mary Zellin, Public Defender; Mark Wasylyshyn, Wood County Sheriff; Brook Harison, BG Manor/BG Care Center; Melissa Notestine, WCESC; Paul Dobson, Wood County Prosecuting Attorney; Emily Cornish, WCESC; Lori Fox, Pathstone; Ben Batey, Wood County Health District (WCHD); Jen Campos, WCHD; Connie Rutherford, Eastwood Schools; Niki Schroeder, PathStone; Angela Patchen, WCESC/Project Aware; Tony Borton, Elmwood Schools; Rick Chickerey, Zepf Center; Linda Logue, WCESC; Lorrie Lewandowski, ADAMHS Board; Kyle Kanuckel, WCESC; Dick Edwards, Bowling Green Mayor; Bill Hamilton, WCESC
- 📄 Introductions
- 📄 Updates/Announcements from the coalition (www.wcprevention.org, podcasts, town halls meetings) –
 - 📄 Oct. 22 – Wood County Opiate Task Force town hall meeting at Cedar Creek Church, 29129 Lime City Rd., Perrysburg, beginning at 7 p.m.
 - 📄 Oct. 26 – Bowling Green Recreation and Wellness will host “The Colorado Experience: Legalized Marijuana,” a presentation by Bob Doyle, Director of the Colorado Tobacco Education and Prevention Alliance. The event will be held in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater on the BGSU Campus beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - 📄 Oct. 27 – Rossford United Methodist Church will hold a community meeting titled “Considering the Impacts of Marijuana Legalization” at 7 p.m. The church is located at 270 Dixie Hwy., Rossford.
 - 📄 Many podcasts are scheduled to be recorded over the next two weeks.
- 📄 Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn – Effects of the legalization of marijuana
 - Since legalization in 2012, state of Washington has seen 83% increase of driving under influence of marijuana
 - Colorado since legalizing, traffic related deaths have increased 92 percent.
 - Edible marijuana products, in Colorado, 265 percent increase in the average number of marijuana exposure in children under the age of 5.
 - In Colorado, the number of overnight beds provided by Salvation Army increased by 285 percent after legalization
 - Drug-related suspensions in school increased by 40% in Colorado
 - 2014, law enforcement saw almost 600 percent increase in seizures of marijuana that is being transported out of Colorado
 - “If it’s so good and so right to legalize marijuana, lets make it a law that is easy to change (when we find unintended consequences) instead of making a Constitutional change.”



Prosecuting Attorney Paul Dobson -

- Mr. Dobson recently sent a letter to the editor of the Sentinel-Tribune (http://www.sentinel-trib.com/opinion/letters/cartoon-superhero-targets-children-with-marijuana/article_f639026a-56f3-11e5-a435-cf069f52d9ab.html) regarding “Buddie,” the comic book super hero-like spokesperson/mascot for Responsible Ohio. “To me that is the most significant demonstration of who their target audience actually is. To create a cartoon superhero hero ... they just telegraphed who their real market audience is. And we all knew that to begin with. We knew it from the gummi bears and the Kit-Kats and the lollipops, and that kind of thing. They are targeting children.”
- “It’s shocking if you see the list of state organizations and local organizations that have come out (against Issue 3).”
- “In 1971, President Richard Nixon declared a war on drugs...In 1982, President Ronald Regan revived that term. I’m here to tell you today that in Wood County, the war on drugs wages on, and it wages successfully. We hear backlash about how the war on drugs is failing because it costs so much money.”
- There are 4 things that you do in a war:
 - One, you attack the enemy. “We attack the enemy when we find the drug traffickers, we prosecute them, and attack what they do.”
 - You don’t give ground. “Issue 3 is giving ground. Whether you are talking about heroin or cocaine or marijuana, there is no doubt that marijuana is a gateway drug. There is no scientific proof to say that, but I can tell you time and again when I talk to drug users, not a one of them says ‘I don’t know what marijuana is.’”
 - You interrupt the supply lines. “That’s deputies, that’s police officers and they find either drugs that are being transported, or you find what is really driving this trade: Money. If they aren’t making money, they aren’t selling drugs. What better can we do but to take that money to fund education (and other things) and right now the Ohio legislature wants to take that away. They want to eradicate the civil forfeiture provision of the Ohio Revised Code. The only people who are excited about that are drug dealers and human traffickers. It will reestablish I-75, I-80, I-280 as a perfectly legitimate pipeline for their business.”
 - “The fourth thing you do in a war, and this is the most important part ... you take in the refugees. Who are the refugees? It is the people who are addicted. It’s the people who have been preyed upon by drug dealers. It’s the people who can’t get out of the situation. What happens is, we say, ‘That’s really too bad. They’re unfortunate people who have been preyed upon by drug dealers,’ until somebody says ‘yeah, but it’s going to cost us money to fix that.’ All of the research tells us that inpatient initially is essentially the only way to rehabilitate truly addicted heroin addicts, but we don’t have the housing. Why? Because as soon as we reach into somebody’s pocket, in order to stop this problem, they stop being poor, addicted heroin people ... who have been preyed upon by drug dealers and they become ‘those freakin’ heroin addicts that now it’s one more person that I’ve gotta’ put my money into so that they can loaf around.’ But they are refugees of a war. They may not be innocent victims. They don’t look like innocent victims. ... They don’t look like refugees. A large percentage of them don’t even know that they are. But that doesn’t change what we have to do. And if we look at it and we can change public perception, from them being a bunch of no-good, drug-head loafers, to being refugees of a war, just maybe we can really start turning that around. Because if we stop the market, we stop the drug trade.”
- What happens if both Issues 2 and 3 pass “There are a lot of theories about that. My understanding is that if Issue 2 passes with more votes than Issue 3, then Issue 2 trumps Issue 3. Issue 2 was a legislative initiative. Issue 3 was a public initiative. A second theory is that a legislatively-initiated constitutional amendment is enacted upon passage. If it passes, then it is in force. There is a delay for a publicly-initiated decision. That’s 90 days. The one that passes immediately would stop a delayed decision. It would probably go to the Ohio Supreme Court, if not the US Supreme Court for a decision.”



- “If Issue 3 passes, all drug dogs in Ohio become useless. They have all been trained to react to marijuana as well as other drugs. They react the same way whether it’s heroin or cocaine or marijuana.”
- “Medical marijuana is a ploy.”
- “You are not going to get rid of black market marijuana. What you are doing is creating a competition between legal marijuana, which is taxed, and black market marijuana. How do you do that? By selling edibles and by selling more powerful marijuana.”

Dr. Bill Ivoska, Strategic Prevention Framework

- Now that the coalition is organized, the next step is to create a logic model – That process has started, but Issue 3 has pulled us away from process.
- Logic model asks: What is the problem → Why is it a problem? → But why is it a problem here:
- It then goes on to identify the problem → identify its root causes → identify contributing local conditions → and identify interventions
- Writing a logic model was part of the grant application process. During training, we were told to throw it away and have the coalition build the logic model as a group because they see it in the community, and know what will work in the community...and they will own the logic model and work harder toward it.
- The coalition’s two identified problems are underage alcohol use, and youth marijuana use.
- The next step is developing our logic model. A committee volunteer form was sent around at the meeting. If you did not add your name to that list, but want to be part of that team, contact Milan Karna.

Roundtable

- The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce will host a legislative update on the legal impacts on business of Issues 2 and 3. It will be held Oct. 22, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Stone Ridge Golf Course.
- A Sustainability Committee sign-up sheet was passed around. If you did not add your name to that list, but want to be part of that team, contact Milan Karna.
- Ben Batey – The Health Department is creating a community health improvement plan. The biggest issue in the plan is youth mental health. Issue 3 may impact what that plan looks like, so work on it has slowed until the results are announced.
- Northwood schools will be the kickoff site for Red Ribbon Week. The kickoff event will be held Oct. 22, at 10:45 a.m. at the elementary school.
- Connie Rutherford, representing Eastwood Schools, said she is thankful for prevention specialists in the school. One thing that is missing, she said, is parents. “I wonder how to do a better job reaching parents.” A parent meeting will be held Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Parental involvement is a concern that most organizations struggle with.
- Angela Patchen said that Project Aware is continuing Youth Mental Health First Aid training. Contact Angie to attend.
- Kyle Kanuckel – Props to Milan Karna and Kyle Clark regarding the podcast and social media.
- Lorrie – Oct. 22 – Opiate/heroin presentation at Cedar Creek Church. Resources will be available. November 5th Disordered Gambling Conference at Wood County Educational Service Center with Dr. Jeff Derevensky /[click here to register](#).
- Greg Van Vorhis said meeting minutes will be posted on the web site and links e-mailed. If you have ideas for podcast topics, contact Milan or Greg
- Kyle Clark told coalition members that the Teen Institute retreat will be held all day Saturday (Oct. 17) at Side Cut Metropark. He also encouraged members to remember the positive things that we’ve had an impact on, including the fact that 90 percent of our youth have not smoked tobacco, drank alcohol, or used marijuana in the last 30 days.
- Paul Dobson said the safety calendar awards would be presented to winners on Oct. 17.