

WOOD COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION

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Wood County Educational Service Center

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

MISSION STATEMENT: A network of professionals dedicated to serving as a clearinghouse and information exchange between prevention service providers and funders, promoting a greater knowledge of and open access to all Wood County Prevention Services. This community coalition membership embraces a collaborative and coordinated approach toward community action to reduce the number of youth and adults who engage in substance abuse and other risky behavior. We strive to create a community consensus that underage substance use is illegal, unhealthy, and unacceptable.

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Tim Adkins (Chief Assistant Prosecutor/Juvenile Division Wood County Prosecutors Office) Kyle Kanuckel (Superintendent, Wood County Educational Service Center (WCESC), Tom Clemons (Director, Wood County ADAMHS Board), Francesca Leass (Children's Resource Center), Tony Hetrick (Bowling Green Police Division), Tonya Lentz (North Baltimore and Elmwood Prevention Specialist/ WCESC), Emily Krynock (Bowling Green and Otsego Schools Prevention Specialist/ WCESC), Linda Logue (Penta Career Center /Prevention Specialist/WCESC), Jennifer Vanlerberg (Parent representative/WCESC), Bill Ivoska (Program Evaluator/WCESC), Becky Parker (Expect Respect/ Good Behavior Game Specialist/WCESC), Jim Snider (Rossford School Prevention Specialist/ WCESC), Jeanine Lindquist (Prevention Specialist /WCESC), Bill Hamilton (Northwood Schools Prevention Specialist/ WCESC), Kyle Clark (WCESC), Lorrie Lewandowski (Assistant Director, Wood County ADAMHS Board), Greg Van Vorhis (WCESC), Karen Grajczyk (Bowling Green State University), Sandy Carsey (Job and Family Services), Janelle LaFond (Children's Resource Center), Lisa Myers (Wood County Commission on Aging).

Welcome by Kyle Clark

ADAMHS Levy Information /Tom Clemons.

The ADAMHS Board is asking voters to renew the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service levy on the November ballot. This is a 1.6-mill renewal levy. The cost for an owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will continue to be \$45.93 "as it has been for 10 years," said Clemons. "This is a renewal, not a new tax, and it is not an increase in tax for residential homes." The tax generates \$4.3 million per year, and accounts for 40% of the ADAMHS Board's annual revenue.

Clemons reminded the Coalition members that the Board uses this money for many programs and services throughout the county. The Board's system of care provides a behavioral health safety net for Wood County. "If there is a psychiatric emergency, we provide crisis intervention services through Behavioral Connections/the Link, CRC, and health officers at Family Services," said Clemons. "I believe on Monday night we will be expanding access to another psychiatric hospital so that no Wood County resident will be denied a bed or have to wait days to access needed, emergency treatment." The Board will also expand residential addiction treatment options, to help address the opiate addiction epidemic, in particular. County behavioral health partners have developed and implemented very intensive 6-days a week, 10-week outpatient program drug addictions, called the I-CARE program, housed at Behavioral Connections. Clemons also reminded members that "The school-based ATOD program has been declared as one of the top 29 programs in the country." "We also now fund several successful programs from the Safe Schools grant program (which ended in June), including the Good Behavior Game, the OLWEUS Bullying prevention program, and Expect Respect support groups at a cost of \$155,000 per year. All these programs are only possible

through this levy.” Clemons asked the members for their votes for the levy and to encourage family, friends and associates to vote as well.

Grant Updates/ Kyle Clark– The announcement came at 10:03 a.m., just as the meeting started, the Wood County Prevention Coalition received the Drug-Free Communities Grant from (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This grant provides \$125,000 per year and is renewable for up to 10 years. The goals of the grant are to expand and strengthen the prevention coalition and to decrease youth alcohol and marijuana use by reducing access, increase parental and peer disapproval, and increasing perception of harm among youth. A grant director will be hired to oversee the grant. Very little additional information is available at this time. The money will serve the goals and efforts defined by and carried out by the Wood County Prevention Coalition. The Wood County Educational Service Center will provide the fiscal oversight. Lewandowski stated that this grant is destined for success because of the strong history of community collaboration here in Wood County.

Kyle Clark recognized those who assisted him in writing the grant, including Emily Krynock, Linda Logue, Bill Ivoska, Tonya Lentz, Greg Van Vorhis, and Lorrie Lewandowski. This was the second year in a row that the coalition had applied for the grant. “From our first application (last year) to our second application, it was looking at the application and reworking and rewriting it,” he said. Clemons applauded “the spirit of teamwork that exists at the Wood County Educational Service Center. This is exciting and I want to thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty.”

Kyle Clark added that the state has also teamed up with Wood County, Butler County and Cuyahoga County to apply for another grant that stems out of each county’s prior work under the federal Safe Schools Healthy Students grant. “We will know (the results of that application) by the end of September,” said Clark. “It will require a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for our staff so we can train school staff to know the signs of kids who are going through trauma and we can refer them to the proper healthcare providers. When I told them (grant writers from the state office) where we were with trauma-informed care, they were excited about the potential and where we would go next.”

Bowling Green State University Strategic Prevention Framework Sate Improvement Grant

Karen Grajczyk, a grad assistant at Bowling Green State University reported to the coalition members regarding a new social norming campaign on campus called *Falcons Flock Together*. She also said that BGSU has adopted a new on-line assessment tool moving from the “mandatory” Alcohol EDU assessment for entering freshmen to a new program called Campus Clarity. The change was made because Campus Clarity has an additional component regarding sexual assault. So far, 75% of this year’s freshmen have completed the assessment. BGSU also is using a Twitter contest and other programs to educate students that contrary to popular perception, not as many BGSU students party and drink as they may believe. Karen further stated that these programs have been included in a best practices manual for use by other universities.

Coalition Branding/ A logo for the Wood County Prevention Coalition

Kyle Clark and Greg Van Vorhis presented four basic, rough draft ideas for the consideration and input of the coalition members present. Since the Wood County Suicide Prevention Coalition’s “Hope” logo was created by students, it was suggested that the need for a Wood County Prevention logo be presented to students at local high Schools, BGSU, and DECA students. Conducting a local logo contest would also have the added benefit of broadening our base for the coalition by engaging youth in the process. “We don’t need to have this done today or this week, but maybe by our January meeting, we would have something to look at,” said Clark. “If any of you go home this weekend and something pops into your head regarding logo development please call Greg or I (419-354-9010) or Lorrie (419-352-8475) and let us know what the spark is.” “The coalition will continue to be the main voice for the final product,” added Lewandowski.

Update on Opiate/Heroin Use/ The Local Perspective/ Tony Hetrick Bowling Green Police Department

In a March, overdose death of a young man, police were able to identify the dealer and charge her with manslaughter. Her trial is pending in October. Lucas County is now adopting a similar approach of working backwards to charge the dealer. "The chain is very long and we are only scratching the surface," said Tony Hetrick of Bowling Green Police Department. "We are trying to create a little incentive for people to stop dealing."

Two overdoses in Bowling Green since July were saved by Narcan. "We are talking seconds that they come back," said Hetrick "We have it in all of our Fire/EMS squads. We are hearing that dealers are now dealing in Narcan as well. Dead addicts don't buy heroin."

There was another heroin overdose death in Bowling Green the week of the coalition meeting. Hetrick said needles and heroin were found near the victim's his body. There also were two summertime robberies involving opiates. Wood County is using jail as a forced detox.

"We are finding that the majority of this heroin is being sold in Toledo and they are using it on their way home," he said, but added that not all of it is coming from Toledo, citing a recent undercover buy which led to the arrest of residents of North Baltimore and McComb.

Funding these addictions is evolving. Currently, police are noticing a pattern that users are finding receipts in the trash and using it as a shopping list at local stores. They fill their cart with the items on the receipt, and then take it to the service counter to "return" the items for cash using the found receipt. Hetrick said the street price of 1/10 of a gram of heroin is \$10-\$20, while 1 gram costs \$80-\$100.

Families are key. "Tough love, which is hard to do...is going to be a real help in combating this," said Hetrick. "Family members are not immune to the effects of this addiction. Family members are stealing from other family members. If someone has their house burglarized and you know that another family member is an addict, there is your prime suspect." It is hard to turn in a member of your family who steals from you but that may be the only way to force them into treatment.

"These people (users) all know each other," said Hetrick. "They are using together. They are facilitating buys with each other. It is a network. We are in the midst of a storm right now and I don't see it subsiding anytime soon. The more names we get of people who are involved, the more we can figure out the networks and get information and find connections." Most users are in their 20s and 30s, "but we have had fatalities of people in their 50s," said Hetrick

Community Comments on Opiate /Heroin Epidemic

"We need to identify the communities or the sections of the communities where drug use is the norm," said Jim Snider.

"We are seeing that the younger kids know the older kids who are overdosing," said Francesca Leass. "They don't fear heroin anymore. The perception of harm is almost non-existent."

"We are seeing infants being born addicted," said Sandy Carsey. "We are getting young children born addicted to opiates and sometimes their parents are dying because of the addiction and the children don't have people to take care of them. It's extremely sad. Over and over again, our workers are trying to get the parents into treatment and they won't go and they keep having babies. How do we stop this (cycle)?"

The Wood County Opiate Task Force will hold a meeting Nov. 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wood County Educational Service Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to create a response to the opiate epidemic. "This will be the first of many attempts to raise awareness about this important issue," said Lewandowski. The next meeting of the Opiate Task Force will be on Friday October 10th at 8:30 am at the Wood County ADAMHS Board.

Round table:

Jim Snider, Rossford Schools – Rossford Teen Institute members will hold a car wash and also be trained to teach Expect Respect dating violence prevention program. Rossford's Red Ribbon celebration will kick off at Eagle Point Elementary on (Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m., with the mayor and superintendent of schools participating in the festivities. On Oct. 20, results of Rossford's 2014 ADAMHS Youth Survey, taken in February, will be released at Rossford's Board of Education meeting.

Lisa Myers, spoke about the Wood County Suicide Prevention Coalition – *The Stand Up and Walk for Mental Health Event* will be held Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon on the lawn of the NAMI office, located at 541 W. Wooster St. in Bowling Green. The date of the next Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting will be Thursday September 18, 2014 at 1:00.

Emily Krynock, Otsego Schools – An Early Warning Signs group has been created at Otsego, designed to look at student grades and attendance. Otsego also has started Link Crew, which puts juniors and seniors in charge of student orientation. Those junior and senior ambassadors are then each assigned 10 freshman students to mentor and support throughout the year.

Tonya Lentz, Elmwood and North Baltimore – Fifth Quarter drug-free events after football and basketball games have been scheduled at each of her schools.

Tony Hetrick, Bowling Green Police Division – The BGPLD received the 2014/2015 drug use prevention grant, which funds half of the division's D.A.R.E. officer. There has been some success with compliance checks funded in part by the WCESC. More businesses have been found to be in compliance than in the past, but there were still six citations in late spring/early summer. Hetrick said the division will conduct another liquor establishment training and follow that up with another compliance check.

Francesca Leass, Children's Resource Center – The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence will put on a comedy, called "Pass it On," about Bill W. and Dr. Bob, who are the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. The production will be held at Valentine Theatre in Toledo on Oct. 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit The Open Door Ministry.

Sandy Carsey, Job and Family Services /Children's Services Administrator – Children's Services is trying to get into schools to educate students about Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Bill Ivoska, Evaluator, Wood County Educational Service Center – All pre- and post-tests to collect and evaluate data and produce reports for the Educational Service Center's ATOD Prevention Program have been converted into Scantron sheets. This process will be more efficient by saving time and energy.

Kyle Clark, Wood County Educational Service Center – "The Drug-Free Communities Grant will allow us to continue funding compliance checks (through the Bowling Green Police Division and other law enforcement agencies)." The Safe Schools Healthy Students grant ended this year, but some programs, such as Expect Respect support groups, the Good Behavior Game, and the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention program, are being sustained by the ADAMHS board. The

partnership with CRC for mental health support, which was begun under the grant, remains strong. The message of the Mr. B. Cool mascot has been expanded through the design and creation of a custom stress ball, to target elementary students. “He shows that you always have a choice,” said Clark. “Hopefully with our program, they will make good choices.”

The next Wood County Prevention Coalition Meeting will be held Friday January 16, 2015 at the Wood County Educational Service Center from 10-11:30 am.

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