

WOOD COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION

March 6, 2015

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.

MINUTES

- Brief welcome and introductions – “We are taking a little time in having an extra meeting here just to get our structure in place” as required by the grant, Kyle Clark said.
- Discussion of bylaws, nomination of officers/logo discussion
 - A sector leader meeting was held earlier this week to adopt the by-laws. “We now have representative governance throughout the community that has the means of conducting business,” said Milan Karna, pointing out that the by-laws can be amended. “Now that we have adopted that, we have several positions that will be formalized,” including the president, vice-president and secretary. Officers do not need to be sector leaders. Karna called for nominations.
 - Tony Borton nominated Tim Atkins for President. Janelle LaFond nominated Lorrie Lewandowski for “any of those positions.”
 - Nominations will remain open until April 6. Officers will be elected in May.
- Logo – The existing county-shaped logo idea was presented. Due to some concerns voiced throughout the week by coalition members, a marketing/logo committee was created. Kyle Clark, Bill Hamilton, Hannah Jacobs, Jen Campos, Clif Boutelle, Robert Yenrick, Jeanine Lindquist, Bill Ivoska, Robert Ball, Greg Van Vorhis, and Phil Snyder volunteered for the committee. The committee will meet March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Educational Service Center.
- Southern Wood County Town Hall meeting will be held in April. Options being considered are April 15, 20, and 23. The date and time will be confirmed at a later date. Two locations are being considered, including the school and a non-school location. The Wood County Opiate Task Force, which is hosting this meeting, doesn’t want to send the message that this is a school problem, or any specific district’s problem. They are trying to show that it is a problem for the entire county. The 2014 ADAMHS Youth Survey shows that while heroin use is an issue in Wood County, the number of school-age youth who are using is low. A planning meeting will be held

March 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the ADAMHS board. There are plans to hold another Town Hall meeting in the northern end of the county at a later date.

- The Marijuana Task Force will meet March 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the ESC. Committee task force volunteers are Robert Ball, Tonya Lentz, Emily Krynock, Amanda O'Neill, Janelle LaFond, Angela Patchen, Linda Logue, Melissa Notestine, Tom Clemons, Tony Hetrick, Greg Van Vorhis, Sue Brezina, Kyle Clark, Tim Atkins, Bill Hamilton. "The most recent statement (from the Alcohol Drug Addiction Prevention Agency of Ohio, or ADAPAO) basically states is that this issue should go to the FDA and that marijuana should be tested as a medicine, just like every other medicine in this country, without putting it out to the voters. That's the position that we see coming from the state," said Clark.
- As part of the Drug Free Communities Grant, at least two coalition members must attend three trainings by the end of May. The second of these trainings, covering evaluation, will be held next week in Columbus. If you would like to attend the training March 10, please contact Kyle Clark. A final training session will be held May 12-15, with field trip opportunities May 12 or 13. The May training will be about sustainability.
- Randy Young from MADD discussed a court monitoring system for Wood County. "We want to have a presence reestablished in this area," he said. "It's kind of been dormant for the last three or so years." MADD, which has been around for 35 years, is known for introducing legislation to prevent impaired driving. "We are here to look at the system and try to find ways to partner with service providers to improve the system," he said. "We're trying to make sure that someone not only gets the proper sentencing, but also help them find places where they can get help." They are looking for volunteers to become court monitors, which follow OVI cases from the beginning to the end. MADD will provide training to volunteers and the material they need to do the work.
- Acknowledgement of Jim Snider
 - Jim Snider, the prevention specialist for Rossford, is retiring at the end of March. Kyle Clark and Tim Atkins presented Snider with a plaque thanking him for his dedication. Clark talked about Jim being responsible for introducing the Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs program to Wood County, and pitching the idea of the Mr. B. Cool prevention mascot to spread the message of the media campaign to elementary students. Atkins recalled seeing Snider in parades and activities in his hometown. "Jim is one of those individuals working with kids at JDC trying to help them. I would see Jim walking in at night as I was ready to leave."
 - "I got to do my dream job for more than 20 years of my life," said Snider. "This was a dream of mine to work in schools with kids."
- Observation and awareness reports from schools, CRC, law enforcement, hospital about abuse.
 - Onsite prevention specialists are reporting the need to be aware of the potential of THC cartridges being used in electronic cigarettes. Tim Atkins confirmed that this is already happening in Wood County.

- Lt. Dan Mancuso reported that there is a growing trend to train officers to be drug recognition officers. Training, conducted by the federal government, teaches officers to test for substances based on field sobriety tests.
 - Robert Yenrick of Bowling Green City Schools mentioned the need to focus some attention toward students with trauma in the past and mental health concerns. Angela Patchen, program manager for the Project AWARE grant, talked about youth mental health first aid training and its goal to help students with mental health issues. Trainings are being planned in districts throughout the county. Kyle Clark added that there is a coalition working on trauma-informed care. Janelle Lafond said CRC offers Project AWARE in 21 counties in northwest Ohio. Fran Leass added that CRC treats not only the addiction, but also the underlying mental health issues.
 - Leass discussed a synthetic acid called SMILES, which is 5-8 times as strong as traditional acid. It has existed for 2-3 years, but she only recently began to see it in Wood County "It's just as dangerous as bath salts," she said.
 - Leass is also seeing dabs. Due to its high concentration of TCH, it is popular, but it is also expensive, which is causing people to make their own, which is dangerous due to the use of butane and an open flame.
- Roundtable
 - Milan – membership forms are still available for new members.
 - Greg Van Vorhis told a story about Snider's lasting impact on youth.
 - Jeanine Lindquist talked about the Junior Teen Institute retreat which is open to youth in Wood County. It will be held April 17, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. It will be held at Eastwood High School. Contact your school prevention specialist or Lindquist for a registration form.
 - Randy Young – The Power of Parents is a research-based program evening education program during which parents are given information to take home to talk to their kids about drinking. Free training and materials. For more information, contact Randy at randy.young@madd.org
 - Warren Fauver – A group is working on integration of available resources. They are looking at how to integrate those services with the United Way's 211 directory. A Resource Access Updating and Networking Extravaganza will be held April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ESC. There, organizations can sign up for the 211 system and upload/update information. Lunch will be provided.
 - Leslie Head – "I've worked with Jim Snider for more than 15 years in pretty much every avenue he has worked in. He's an awesome guy. We're going to miss you."
 - Niki Schroder said Pathstone is offering the Face Forward: Youth Experiencing Success program. Lori Fox is the new coordinator. The grant will aid youth with educational skills and offer mentoring. Mentors also are being recruited at this time.
 - Sandy Carsey, JFS – On April 8 Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention will be observed. There will be 716 pinwheels displayed in front of First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green on that day. Each pinwheel represents a child abuse report that was received in 2014.
 - Clif Bouttelle – First Church of Christ, Scientist will offer a program titled "If God is All, Where is He at this Moment?" March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Perrysburg Garden Express Inn, located at Levis Commons. This program offers a

spiritual solution to overcoming addiction. "It's another arrow in the quiver of this effort to prevent kids from getting involved in drugs and for those who are addicted to help them recover," said Boutelle.

- Tim Brown – Gave thanks to Jim Snider from the Juvenile Court for his service over the years. "Richard Schmidbauer said he was such an effective instructor. He was well-liked by the kids."
- Jennifer Vanlerberg – A Family Fun Fair has been scheduled in North Baltimore. Wood County children ages birth to 5 are welcome to attend March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will be held at the North Baltimore Public Library. The free event is being hosted by the Wood County Early Childhood Task Force. Agencies will provide activities, games, and developmental screenings.
- Jen Campos talked about a recent event she attended called "Hidden in Plain Sight." The activity involved a mock-up of a teen's bedroom and taught parents and others how to find clues in a teen's bedroom that indicate possible drug and mental health issues.
- Hannah Jacobs said Jim Snider was her mentor. "I work at the JDC now and the youth ask, 'did you take Jim's job?' They all remember him."
- Lisa Myers said the Suicide Prevention Coalition's Web site is up and running. It can be found at www.woodcountysuicideprevention.org.
- Tim Atkins said the Wood County Youth Olympics will be held March 14 at the BGSU Field House. The first session starts at 8:30 a.m. The second session begins at 2 or 2:30 p.m. More information can be found at www.woodcountyprosecutor.org. Volunteers are still being accepted.
- Jim Snider said, "Wood County cares about their kids. That's the greatest thing I can say. Most of our kids are excellent examples of youth. Those who do have trouble, we do as much as we can to get them the help they need."

The next meeting will be held MAY 8 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Wood County Educational Service Center.

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