

Harm Reduction Committee note

PDAAG

November 13, 2015

Attendees: Marissa Wicker/Portsmouth City Health Department, Yvette Edwards/Dayton Montgomery Public Health, Kathy Yokum/OHMAS, Allisyn Leppla/Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Michelle Lydenberg/Clermont County Health Department, Vince Caraffi, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Megan Hatta, Kelli Redd/ODH, Nancy Zajano/Drug Safe Worthington, Toni Ashton/Prevention Works/Fairfield County, Judi Moseley/ODH

DISCUSSION:

- Geneva Sanford is to meet with Representative Sprague on Nov 19th 2015 to discuss the language of Good Samaritan HB 249. Examples of Good Sam bills from other states shared for review. Megan Hatta to share copy of HB 249 as introduced for all to review. Provide comments to Geneva Sanford.
- The spouses to members of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) have an organization called the OSMA Alliance. They are going to address the opiate epidemic as their focus project for the coming year. This will include promoting naloxone and prescribing guidelines. In a phone conversation with the OSMA Alliance president, Judi Moseley invited them to participate in the PDAAG and attend meetings. Members of the committee suggested they work with local coalitions, conferences, professional organizations, peer groups, etc. Judi will communicate suggestions and will also share a list of counties with active OSMA-Alliance groups.
- Reviewed the [announcement](#) from the White House on October 21, 2015 where the President announced federal, state, local and private sector efforts aimed at addressing the prescription drug abuse and heroin epidemic. These include commitments by more than 40 provider groups – representing doctors, dentists, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, physical therapists and educators -- that more than 540,000 health care providers will complete opioid prescriber training in the next two years. In addition, CBS, ABC, the New York Times, Google, the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball and other companies will donate millions of dollars in media space for PSAs about the risks of prescription drug misuse produced by the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids.
- Megan Hatta reported on a meeting with Orman Hall from Ohio Supreme Court and Andrea Boxill from GCOAT where she presented the PDAAG recommendation to have naloxone part of all drug court programs in Ohio. The committee has been asked to create a letter in support of naloxone as a “bench order” for drug courts in Ohio. It was discussed that it was important to include overdose data of people using alone vs with others to support need of naloxone. Draft letter was shared. Feedback and suggestions to Judi Moseley by December 1, 2015. Also established Andrea Boxill will work to

have an informational sheet created for families or support persons in drug court with resources for naloxone and overdose awareness.

- Continued discussion from August meeting on use of intramuscular naloxone for community programs. The committee agreed after research and discussion the cost savings of IM is not significant, additional challenges of change to current culture, supplies, community education and staff training. It was agreed to continue effort behind supporting intranasal naloxone for wide community distribution.
- Judi Moseley and Kathy Yokum shared a draft letter to OHMAS recommending naloxone in treatment facilities. This will be a recommendation and not required by law or formal policy. Feedback and suggestions from all to be submitted to Judi by December 1, 2015.
- Discussion on process for school nurses and schools to have access to naloxone. Ross County has trained school nurses; need to follow up on protocol. Requesting volunteers to contact Department of Education and school nurses on how PDAAG can support in getting naloxone access for schools.

ACTION STEPS:

- ALL to send feedback on HB 249 language to Judi or Geneva.
- Megan Hatta to send copy of HB249. **Done November 16, 2015.**
- Judi Moseley to send OSMA list of counties with naloxone programs.
- ALL to provide feedback on draft in support of naloxone bench order for drug courts to Judi by December 1, 2015.
- ALL to provide feedback on draft in support of naloxone in treatment facilities to Judi by December 1, 2015.
- NEED volunteer to contact the Department of Education and the Ohio Board of Nursing to ask if there are special licensing requirements or rules governing school nurses.
- NEED volunteers to draft letter to Department of education in support of naloxone in schools. Please notify Judi if interested.
- Alisha Nelson at the Ohio Attorney General's Office is forming a committee to explore means of distributing naloxone in jails and prisons. Those interested should contact Megan, Michelle or Judi and names will be forwarded to Alisha.

Next meeting will be via conference call in January. Details will be emailed. The next in-person meeting will be on February 12, 2016.