



Join Together Atlantic County

Webex Meeting
August 20th 2019
11:00am – 12:30pm

Attendance/Sectors & Agencies Represented:

Youth:

Parents:

Law Enforcement: Chief Bruce DeShields (ACPO). Chief Donna Higbee (Galloway Twp PD)

Govt Agency: Jen Pielhau (Atl. Cnty. Alliance)

School: Michael Levin (Stockton University)

Youth Service Org:

Healthcare: Matt Piskun (Shore Medical Center), Stephanie Weaver (Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers)

Religious/Fraternal Org.:

Business:

Media:

Civic/Volunteer: Mohammad Ullah (AmeriCorps VISTA), Rhonda Fitzgerald (Community Member)

Other Org.: Oanh Ngo (Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ), Ken Litwak (Council on Compulsive Gambling of NJ), Kathy Harvey (Atlantic Prevention Resources-Treatment)

Staff: Laurie Smith, Bob Zlotnick, Brian Wilson, Ashley Rhea,

Guest/Other:

Introductions/Sign-in, Review Minutes:

Sign-in will be created from those who show their attendance on the Webex attendee side bar and had RSVP'ed for the meeting. May 2019 meeting minutes will be emailed to those who were in attendance for a vote of approval and then posted to the JTAC website.

Internal Coalition Business/Grant Updates:

DFC- Laurie reported APR applied for the grant and they will be notified if they were awarded the Drug Free Communities grant for years 6-10 sometime in September.

AmeriCorps- This is the last meeting Mo will be participating in, his year of service ends next week. Laurie thanked Mo for all of his work and participation. Mo thanked the group and said he enjoyed working with the coalition and getting to know everyone, he will be moving next week and starting a job with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Laurie met with the Stockton University Service Learning Department, the AmeriCorps three year grant has ended but through service learning classes and Bonner Leaders, students will still be volunteering with JTAC.

STOP ACT- The second year of the Federal STOP ACT grant will be coming to a close in September. Year three is the final year, this grant has funded specific projects and outreach regarding underage drinking including the billboard for the winner of the county-wide PSA contest which is being put up in Galloway in the next couple of weeks and will run for three months.

Opiate Athlete Grant- We will be reaching out to athletic directors from last years breakfast offering assistance for their upcoming Fall sports. We will also be providing information to them for Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day.

CARA Grant- The Federal Opioid Prevention CARA Grant just began its second year in July. This grant has provided opioid prevention programs to youth and expansion of SUAR, our youth coalition.

PFS –NJPN is still working with a group of coalition coordinators to develop Strategic Prevention Training for the CIACC members. We will also be participating in the September TOT for the Nurtured Heart Approach as part of the grant requirements.

JTAC Newsletter- The newsletter will be published again this Fall if anyone would like to submit an article or event to be advertise contact Laurie.

CADCA-There was an excellent marijuana presentation done by the Chief Medical Officer with ONDCP. The pp slides were not available to attendees. Laurie will have the pictures of the slides typed up and can be shared at a later date.

Committee/Work Group Updates: Several committees will once again begin meeting in the Fall, most committee or workgroup tasks can be done through email. Mo was creating a list of possible fundraisers for the coalition that can be utilized by the Sustainability/Fundraising committee.

Stand Up and Rebel: Over the summer the county-wide group held a Sticker Shock in Ventnor. They held a bowling recruiting event and have been working on recruitment ideas for September as well as scheduling meetings for the upcoming school year.

Opiate Task Force:

Chief Bruce Deshields reported they just recently applied for the 2019-2020 Helping Hand grant from the state. They started the program this year and have been given \$100,000. They started the AC Lead diversion program, with two recovery specialists. The diversion program started off slow but is picking up steam. The Hope one project is going well with over 300 people receiving services.

Chief Bruce Deshields is looking into getting pamphlets made to be distributed to people that have had a Naloxone reversal and refuse treatment. The brochure is being designed to say you have just been reversed from an overdose, you were minutes away from dying, what do you want to do? Inside the pamphlets will explain their options and will supply them with a number they can call and get help from a recovery specialist. The state has agreed to allow Chief Deshields to use part of his grant money towards resupplying Naloxone.

Interventions/Updates:

Treatment Guides- Guides have been updated and printed. They will be available at the next JTAC meeting.

Stockton Recovery Housing- Mo reported that the semester is going to start soon, and they have partnered up with Kelsey from RCA to work together on ideas. Michael Levin reported that they did not have anyone staying in the recovery housing through the summer. They visited the recovery high school in Cape May and they met with a few students there and shared some information about what support they offer. Stockton recovery housing has a small group for the fall and move-in is scheduled to be at the end of the month.

Senior Presentation- Brian Wilson reported that the Jewish community center of Margate has been coordinating senior nutrition sites throughout Atlantic county. Since March, Brian has visited 9 senior sites, where he gave a 15-20 minute presentation on proper drug disposal, location of permanent prescription drop off boxes, and supplied attendees with Deterra. He has also supplied over a hundred medicine lockboxes to the seniors. They were very receptive and very happy Brian took the time to educate them.

TIPS Training- Six trainings have been held for Atlantic County liquor licensed establishments, there will be one more held in September.

Peer Ed Jeopardy- Stockton University Peer Educators presented to students at Absegami and Buena high schools. Topics included, alcohol, marijuana, nicotine/vaping, opioids, and resources. They did a great job and were well received by the students. They will be working with Laurie to do more schools in the Fall.

We Check for 21- This event was held in June at the Mays Landing Library. Around 30 people were in attendance, the 5:00 pm session was cancelled due to no one registering for that session.

NNO's/Events- APR staff and coalition members tabled at 10 National Night Out Events across the county. They also were able to cover hours at the county-wide 4H fair and the Atlantic City Healthplex event.

Employee newsletter project- As part of the CARA grant we are reaching out to companies and organizations to place information in their newsletters regarding proper medication security and disposal. The information went into the following newsletters, Shore Medical Center, Chamber of Commerce, and the Atlantic and Cape May County Green Teams which are part of the Sustainable NJ program.

Tobacco Update:

Oanh Ngo reported Working Well Tobacco-Free is an initiative under the Tobacco-Free for a Healthy New Jersey grant. They are able to assist any business regardless of size, create or strengthen their policy. They can provide education, tobacco cessation options (through our quit center, we can offer counseling for employees) and free resources such as signs and posters. As part of the grant they have joined 9 Chambers of Commerce in the Southern region.

Smoke-Free Multiple Unit Housing- Visited Shalom House in Ventnor to deliver toolkit and sample sign/poster. Planning on working with MUHs that are in construction to develop policies.

CAB:

School Resiliency Training- A three day training was held to build resiliency teams in schools to help children affected by trauma. There were 121 attendees, 18 Atlantic County school districts (including charter schools) and one from Cape May.

Prevention Unification/Municipal Alliances- Jen Pielhau reported that the Municipal Alliances are tasked currently to start planning for their next 5 year cycle, which is set to beginning July 1, 2020. Laurie and Jen have been meeting with municipal alliance coordinators who have completed their key informant surveys. They were also tasked to do focus groups to see which area of priority they will focus on, tobacco, marijuana, underage drinking, and/or prescription drugs. So far they have completed 9 out of 18 meetings and they are working on getting the rest completed before the end of the month. The interventions will be either research based programs or environmental strategies, and they will be building more collaboration with the coalition so interventions are not duplicated.

Rutgers Evaluation Survey- As part of the grant, Rutgers completes a yearly evaluation of the regional coalitions. Laurie sent out the survey link and will send it one more time, if you have not had a chance to complete the survey please do so by August 26th.

New Business:

Pharmacy Project- Brian Wilson reported that they have been working on this project for 3 years now. There are 58 pharmacies throughout Atlantic county that Brian, Ashley, and Mo have been visiting and supplying them with information for the pharmacist to give to their customers about proper drug disposal. They are supplying pharmacists with rack cards, magnet, posters, and stickers. Currently they are about half way through the project and have about 25 pharmacies left. If anyone would like to volunteer and help with this project you can contact Brian. They have noticed that many of pharmacies still have material from last year and they are handing out and displaying the posters, which is a good sign. One problem they are trying to tackle is the big issue with syringes. A lot of the pharmacies don't know how to direct their customers on how to dispose of them, Brian has been informing them that both hospitals currently do take them, but they are currently trying to find a better solution. They are trying to avoid bringing people into a hospital and exposing them to diseases and illnesses.

Stranger Project- Brian reported that he has been working with Stockton service learning students on the stranger project. They collected anonymous stories from the community on their thoughts

and opinion on addiction. They displayed the stories in Stockton hallways, so students walking by could stop and read the personal stories. Mo reported that the Stranger's Project was created to fight the stigma of addiction on campus. The next project they are working on is taking these stories to the Mays landing library and having a display for the month of September for the community to read.

Physician Outreach- Ashley Rhea reported that the physician outreach is similar to the Pharmacy project. Ashley has been going out to local physicians in Atlantic county and doing a 5-20 min visit. Ashley is supplying physicians with information to give to their patients on how to properly dispose of their medications. She is also supplying them with Deterra, rack cards, and posters to place in their waiting rooms to inform patients of the free medicine cabinets JTAC offers to the community. Ashley has been receiving a lot of phone calls about how patients can get a medicine cabinet. Overall this project has been a success.

Back to School Nights- As part of the grants the coalition will be tabling at these events in September. If anyone is able to volunteer and table please let Laurie know, they will provide the materials.

Upcoming Events/Announcements/Information:

Sept 7th First Lady Murphy Family Festival, Atlantic City

Sept 10th JTAC Retreat, Estell Manor Park

Sept 27th Statewide Conference on Disordered Gambling

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 2019