



Join Together Atlantic County

Atlantic County Government Offices

101 S. Shore Rd, Shoreview Building

Northfield, NJ 08225

May 8, 2018

11:00am – 1:00pm

Attendance/Sectors & Agencies Represented:

Youth:

Parents:

Law Enforcement: Ed Bertino (EHT PD), Bruce DeShields (Atl Co Pros Office), Tim Reed (Atl Co Sheriff's Dpt)

Govt Agency: Charlies Kerley (Atl Co. Alliance), Crystal Metzger (National Guard), Lily Britton (NJDHHS)

School: Michael Levin (Stockton University)

Youth Service Org: Erica Leak (FSA, EHTHS Teen Center), George Dannenhauer (Atl. Cnty TRYIT), Kathryn Saxton-Granato (CIACC), John Roy (Cape Atlantic Inc)

Healthcare: Lisa Celebre (AtlantiCare), Dylan Wulderk (AtlantiCare)

Religious/Fraternal Org.:

Business: Dawn Belamarich (RCOA), Victoria Reigle (Helping Hands), Christina Smith (Elements BH)

Media:

Civic/Volunteer: Liz Alexander (AmeriCorps VISTA)

Other Org.: Sean Kolins (Seabrook), Ken Litwak (800Gambler), Kathryn Gibson (Cape Assist), Kim Burns (TFHNJ)

Staff: Laurie Smith, Bob Zlotnick, Brian Wilson

Guest/Other: Rhonda Fitzgerald & Steve Katzen (Community Member)

Motion to approve the minutes- 1st Kathryn Saxton-Granato, 2nd Dawn Belamarich. Minutes Approved

Internal Coalition Business:

DFC- Bob Zlotnick reported that we did apply, the application was due on March 29th. It was submitted electronically. We will not hear back until mid to late summer, possibly as late as August. This is for the renewal application for the DFC funding for an additional 5 years.

AmeriCorps- The grant went down to 6 AmeriCorps VISTAs across the state. We did get approved for another year by Stockton and AmeriCorps. Liz will finish up her year in August. They have posted the new AmeriCorps positions, so if anyone knows someone who recently graduated college or is looking for service year position please let us know.

STOP ACT- Laurie Smith stated they held Project Prom at Oakcrest High School. Bob Zlotnick reported a lot of the deliverables have been completed, however they need to do more planning and events over the summer. Keep a look out for email about new information pertaining STOP ACT. Laurie Smith spoke about how part of the grant was for a billboard. The winners of the PSA contest will have their work turned into a billboard.

Opiate Athlete Grant- There haven't been any updates, but Bob stated they did receive a contract. Laurie stated that the statewide tool-kit for all the coalitions is still being worked on. NJPN is very busy with their conference on 5/18 and the tool-kit will be finished after that. It will be sent out to athletic directors, school districts with middle and high school athletic departments, as well recreational departments.

CADCA Mid-Year Training- Active members are invited to attend this training on July 15th-19th at the Gaylord Hotel in Orlando Florida. There are 2 spots available. An email will be sent out to active members, so if anyone is interested in attending respond to that.

JTAC Newsletter- It was sent out again in April. If anyone has any articles or announcements they would like in the newsletter please let us know. The newsletter is bi-monthly; on the months we don't have meetings.

Summer Team Building Event- The first retreat was held last summer. Instead of a traditional meeting we did an event at Mays Landing Country Club; we had a really nice lunch and we brought in John Kriger and he did team building exercises. If anyone has any ideas on what we could do this summer, instead of having a formal meeting please let us know. At a previous meeting someone suggested doing some kind of clean up on the Atlantic County bike path that runs from the Shore Mall to Mays Landing. One suggestion is that we do a cleanup on the bike path and then go have a nice lunch. Another suggestions was a ropes course or a fishing trip. We can also have the same set up as last year with a different trainer. So we are looking for suggestions from coalition members. We will send out a google survey for everyone to fill out. July 10th would be the best date for that, only because that's already scheduled for everyone as a JTAC meeting date.

Committee/Work Group Updates:

SUAR- Kim Burns reported, Stand Up Rebel is in 4 high schools. They're wrapping up the groups for the year. One of the biggest things they worked on in the last couple months was Zombie RX project for the DEA take back day. They had about a dozen kids come out to Bay Fest, some dressed as Zombies. They gave out about 200 Detera bags and they tried to direct people to local drop boxes.

They're planning for the last sticker shock of the year, in June, as well as a beach cleanup. This summer they're also working on the live radio show about tobacco.

Committee Meetings for membership, marketing and sustainability will be scheduled later in the summer.

Data Management Group- Let Laurie know if anyone is interested in attending. This is done every few years. The meeting will be at 1pm Wednesday May 23rd, at the APR office. They will be pulling out Pride Survey Data, County Health Statistics, County Health assessment data, to go through. If anyone has data that their organization has bring it. At the meeting they will have packets of data to divide up and sort through it. We have already seen in the Pride Surveys that marijuana and vaping are increasing among youth. While, tobacco and underage drinking are decreasing. There is a group called Live Stories and they collect data and put it into a story with pictures. It's does cost money but that afternoon they will be explaining what they do to us on the phone. It's a great way to get the data into the community and make it easy for people to understand.

Opiate Task Force:

Next Meeting June- Laurie reports, they were supposed to meet in May, but they will be meeting June 7th. She will be sending an email out about that.

Charlie Kerley had a meeting earlier in the day with casino security directors, the Jersey Task Force, FBI, Homeland security and some others. And he offered to train all the security forces in the casinos in Narcan. One of the new casinos had reached out to him a week prior to bring Narcan on to their security, they would be the first in the city to have all the security trained. The reception in the meeting in the morning was overwhelming. The input he gave them was he could provide the training but as commercial entities they would have to pay for the Narcan.

Captain DeShields reports that on the law enforcement end, since January they have done over 120 Narcan deployments. That number is only law enforcement not including EMS. Last year, Law Enforcement did 145. And this year just buy the end of April and it's already 120. Part of that is that last year not all the departments were carrying Narcan, and he has not reached out to EMS to see if their numbers have dropped. But if it is anything like last year their numbers have also gone up.

Charlie asked Lilly Britton if she was aware of any grant money coming down through the state or federal government, based off of the surgeon general's guidelines. Lilly reported that she's sure that they would let him know if money does come through and that the government keeps talking about increasing money for beds. Charlie asks if anyone hears anything about naloxone grants to let him know.

Laurie mentioned Hard Rock Casino has reached out to the community and drug court to hire people who have records and are in recovery. One of their officers in management is in recovery.

Nursing Symposium 9/28- Dylan, Sean, and Laurie reported that It will be held September 28th at the Tropicana. The website is being worked on. This will be like the other symposiums held for the doctors, only this one is for nurses, clinicians, social workers, case managers. BCU's will be provided by AtlantiCare. The save the date will go out as soon as they receive, the registration link for AtlantiCare. This is not just for Atlantic County, it's open to other counties. It will be going out to some of the state-wide nursing associations. There is a \$50 fee to attend, that includes breakfast, lunch, and an all-day conference at Tropicana.

Deterra AC Housing Authority- Captain DeShields reported, they did a medicine take back with the senior citizens in the Atlantic City housing authority. The Prosecutors office, ACPD, and Assemblyman Armato's office went and spent about an hour in each building. Out of 5 building in that one day they collected 68 pounds of medication. They are in the works of setting one up with the Pleasantville housing authority. Brian reported that they also distributed Deterra at the event. And he made contact at one of the high-rises, and he was able to donate 50 locking medicine cabinets.

Deterra Disposal Bag Donation- Laurie reported that Marshall Spevak who used to work for Assemblyman Armato's office, had reached out to someone about donations for the van that Officer Reed was talking about, and Mallinckrodt reached back out to Spevak. They have been donating Deterra bags across the country to different organizations. They offered us a donation of 15,000 disposal bags. These are the smaller bags, the ones we buy are 90 pills and these are for 45 pills. When we buy them we buy 2,500 at a time, and it's around 6,000 dollars. So even though they are smaller, 15,000 is a pretty large donation. We have an intern that will be working on a project over the summer to have doctors hand patients a Deterra bag every time they write an opioid prescription. The coalition discussed on whether or not to accept the donation and unless someone contacted us after the meeting the coalition would accept the donation.

Interventions/Updates:

5/9 Faith Based Meeting- Tomorrow is the Faith based meeting, we have about 5 faith based organizations attending. If the coalition members would like to attend they are welcome. It will be a presentation by Ken Litwak at the Mays Landing Library at 10 am. Let Laurie know if you're interested in attending.

Ken stated the presentation will be about gambling basics, so you can understand what gambling addiction is. There will be a comparison between gambling addiction and substance addiction. And then a substantial part will be talking about video games, technology, and internet gambling. There are a lot of video game gambling that people don't recognize as gambling. So the presentation will be combination of gambling basics, how it effects the family, similarity between drugs and gambling, and videogames/technology.

Prescription Drop Boxes- Brian reported we have 18 boxes in Atlantic County, 11 of those JTAC placed. The majority are in police departments. The only departments that don't have boxes are Hamilton, Stockton, and Brigantine. Since the new sheriff is in town, he's been more than willing to help out and oversee the locations that don't have boxes. He reached out to Brigantine and Stockton. Brigantine agreed to allow the Sheriff to oversee that location, so they submitted the waiver request to the DEA, so now we're just waiting on coordinating a time to install and unveil it to the public. Stockton PD is next, they are currently hiring a new safety director, once they have that position filled, we'll then pursue that location.

Laurie spoke to Joe Bunting from Bunting Pharmacy and asked him if he is interested in having a box and he said yes. As of 2 years ago pharmacies are allowed to have them as long as they have a reverse distribution waiver. So if AtlantiCare also wants them, JTAC can purchase them. The Pharmacy would have to be registered. Curexa takes meds back but not narcotics. Bob Zlotnick said when they get the new Detera, they will have more funds to buy more boxes. If anyone knows a pharmacy that wants a box, let JTAC know.

A question was asked about how to dispose of liquids?

You can use the Detera pouches for liquids or take it to the hospitals or animal shelters. They can also mix it in with kitty litter or coffee grounds. Brian recently put a link on the JTAC website with how to dispose of liquids and needles.

One of the former interns brought up that veterinarians, give scripts of opioids for pets. That's something we've never looked into in the past, giving them information or Detera bags. Charlie shared a story about how in West Virginia they had an issue with owners coming in to get pets opioids and then taking them. Christina Smith shared about how she took her dog to the vet for her dog's anxiety and the vet wrote her dog a script for benzos and once she had a conversation with the vet they were very receptive and had never thought about it before.

When you dispose of needles, you can put them in a hard plastic container. Like a laundry detergent container. It's also recommended to put them in a laundry detergent container and label it "sharps" and put it out with your trash. But that can be dangerous, advertising you have needles in your home.

Stockton Recovery Housing- Liz reports, that it is slowing down. Some of the community is still living on campus and they will be meeting up a few times over the summer. The program will be staying on the Galloway campus, with the Atlantic City Campus opening up.

This September is the mandate that all schools must have Recovery housing, so Stockton is ahead. Michael Levin reports that aftercare is important. And the people who are in this program have already been sober for a long time. We had 4 students this past semester, we started in September with 3. Currently we have 3 again and a few more people to interview. The SMART recovery meeting were pretty well attended up until spring break time. The people who are staying on campus will still be able to see a counselor in the wellness center. Someone asked if Recovery Housing is different than sober living. Michael says it's not as structured but they still have rules. They don't drug test. Stockton has alcohol and drug free dorms, all of the freshman living spaces are alcohol free. The qualifications are to be sober for at least 6 months, 3 of the 4 people this year were over 6 months. The one who was under did not do well. It's a verbal report, but they can bring records. Michael is trying to get incentives to get people in Recovery to want to live in the space. Both SMART meetings are open to the public, the Monday meeting did way better than the Thursday. Classes really interfere with how groups do. Most of the students are non-traditional, you would think 18-21 but it's mostly mid-20's and above.

Stockton's recovery housing could advertise to the students of the Recovery High school coming this year. The recovery high school could end up being regional if they get the grant funding that's currently in place for recovery high schools stays in place. They won't know until September. The school will open no matter what. Middle Township has made the decision, to donate staff to make sure it happens. There will be a transition coordinator that will be licensed staff and probably the only licensed staff, who can help move them to some sort of secondary education. So that person can probably coordinate with Stockton to meet with them, look at the school, and show them that they can go to college.

Service Learning Class- Laurie reports that they finished up the semester, and the grades were submitted.

Opiate Awareness Campaign- They filmed a PSA video with Stockton Police. There was an issue with the audio, for the narrating. So it will be worked on over the summer to fix the narration. They used model residential room to film, and they pretended to have a party where the kids were using opiates. Then one of the girl's overdoses. They were very careful; they didn't show any needles or anything triggering. Then the police came in and "administered NARCAN." Some changes did have to be made to the script, so that it was more authentic. There was 2 police there but only one went into the room, and we found out the other is always waiting for the ambulance. Stranger Project- They collected stories, to display. ATI Group- They posted a lot of posts on social media. Youth Summit- They did a great presentation. Story Corps- A couple of coalition members were interviewed. All the interviews have been uploaded to the StoryCorps website and archived to the library of congress. They were stories about addiction and recovery. You can listen to those stories from our website.

PSA contest- Liz reports, they're down to the top 8 submissions. Laurie emailed the voting form to active members to vote. Votes are due May 9th at 4pm. Laurie states we are awarding the top 3 winners 75, 50, and 25-dollar gift cards. We'll either get them to the Hamilton Mall or The Walk depending on where the winners are from. Last year we got the pizza box stickers and

they looked great. But the pizza places didn't want them on their boxes. This year because of the STOP act grant we will make it into a billboard.

DEA 360- Laurie reports, they only had a couple hundred people. We escorted around a group of kids from Atlantic County. Cape Assist had 7 of their staff there that day. They had really great speakers, so it's a shame they didn't have a bigger turn out. There were all types of events going on that day like Bayfest.

Above the Influence Youth Summit 4/10- We had 192 high school students from 8 different schools this year. It was a great day. We had a lot of good press coverage. SNJ today came out and interviewed students, advisor, and presenters.

Marijuana AC Hearing- Bob Zlotnick states, the legislative black caucus had an open hearing in Atlantic City. It was the 3rd of three statewide hearings. It was primarily people who opposed marijuana in NJ who testified. They last 2 people who testified were in favor of it. They had 2 other ones in North Jersey earlier in the year. It was moderately well attended and got a little bit of press coverage. There was a counter event the same day at Dante Hall, and the next night there was an event in Pleasantville that was another counter event.

Family Wellness Night- The event was held at Behavioral Crossroads. Only 2 families could attend. Charlie was there to give a Narcan training to the Behavioral Crossroads staff and that ended up not working out so he gave a naloxone training, to the 2 families. Both actually needed to be trained. The one woman actually reached out earlier in the day, telling Laurie her daughter just recently contacted her for the first time saying she needed help.

Hispanic Outreach- This will be done over the summer. The Spanish Assembly of God in Hammonton has agreed to host a presentation on substance misuse disorders. It will be done completely in Spanish. We are working on doing the presentation at the Dominican Church in Atlantic City. We don't think information on our Deterra, lock boxes, information overall is not getting into the Hispanic Community. So we decided to do these 2 presentations. They flyers will be completely in Spanish, but we will be sending them out. If any organization have someone who speaks Spanish, on their staff that they would like to come out that night and have a table, let us know. We're not 100% confirmed on the date. There is a Latino parade in EHC, that invited us to have a table. Laurie will give more information about the event when it comes out.

Business Policy Breakfast @ MLCC 5/16- Laurie sent out the information, it is the following week. The breakfast is for Drug Free Work Place policies. A lawyer will come up from Washington DC, she has been presenting for the Partnership for a Drug Free NJ for years now. A lot of people are unsure of what will happen if marijuana were to be legalized, with companies that have drug policies. It will change, if it's not an illegal drug. Some things we heard, Walmart in Colorado stopped testing for Marijuana because it's legalized. If you work for the Department of Transportation, you cannot have marijuana in your system. That will be next

week, breakfast will be served. You have to go on the partnership for drug free, website to register.

Tobacco Update:

Tobacco Update: Kim reported they are excited because State tobacco funding will be returning to New Jersey for the first time in 10 years.. Last year a bill was passed by the Governor for one percent of tobacco products tax to go towards tobacco prevention and cessation programs. It is estimated that the amount be between 6-7 million dollars. Priority will be given to youth programming and cessation. The current funding for the Tobacco free for a Healthy NJ grant is funding through the CDC. Kim handles the 8 southern counties, under the Tobacco Free for a Healthy New Jersey grant. In New Jersey there are 329 outdoor recreational ordinances, restricting smoking/tobacco in parks, recreational fields and Municipal properties. . Millville (Cumberland County) just passed an ordinance restricting tobacco/smoking on all municipal property, including parked vehicles. Most towns are including electronic smoking devices in their ordinances. In Atlantic County, there are 16 towns with outdoor recreational ordinances. Tobacco Free for a Healthy New Jersey has worked with several Housing Authorities, a federal HUD ruling goes into effect July 31st, so any multi-unit housing that receives HUD funding will have to be 100% smoke free in doors. Each property can write their own policy for the outdoors, many are making all their property 100% smoke free, others are designating areas. All smoking must be 25 feet from the doors and windows.

Tobacco Free for a Healthy New Jersey will be making a push from tobacco-free workplaces through work place wellness initiative. A tool kit has been produced and is available to local businesses. The goal is to work with work places on creating a good tobacco policy, supporting employees that are trying to quit, etc. Vaping/Juul/Electronic Smoking Devices use is one of biggest issues for the local schools. TFHNJ is receiving requests from schools for help them rewrite their school policies to include vaping. Atlantic County Stand Up and Rebel youth received a grant to address the issue of vaping, the youth worked on a presentation that they presented at the Stockton Youth summit and at their schools. It was well received.

Laurie mentioned that one of the police departments recently told her, when one of the local high school finds a student with a vape, they confiscate it and give it back to the parent, because it is considered their property. The same goes for cigarettes, they will offer them back to the parents. TFHNJ will explore whether this is a State issue. Steve says at Pleasantville it was a case by case basis, it wasn't any certain policy. Bob mentions that a few years ago at the NJPN conference, an officer from Connecticut mentioned how they send out all e-cigarettes confiscated out to a lab for testing and over a 1/3 of them test positive for THC. Kim said one of her local schools called, they said the same thing. It was between a quarter and third of them positive for THC. Laurie said that at a Juvenile Officer meeting they mentioned that, the school asked the police if they wanted all the cartridges, but if it's suspected they'll send them off to the lab.

Kim spoke about an ordinance in Burlington County in Evesham Township on vaping and the restriction of sales near a school.

CAB:

Needs Assessment- Laurie mentioned they are working on getting all the information together. She did a focus group with high school students in the fall, and the data management group will use information from that and other sources.

TIPS Training On & Off Premise 5/21 & 5/22- On premise is for restaurants and off premise for liquor stores. A lot of times we don't get a lot of people on the actual day, but organizations will call wanting their whole staff to be trained, so we'll just go there and train them.

We Check for 21 Conference- June 12th @ Stockton University at 10am, 2pm, 5pm. Joe Vasil will be presenting as well as someone from the ABC. Cape May County will be held @ Wildwood Convention Center on 6/19. All the liquor licenses come in and teach how to check for a fake ID, and all the things that are hidden on a license.

New Business:

Partnership for a Drug Free Kids training 5/22 10:00-12:30pm OC tabernacle- They are going around doing "train the trainers", so it will train us to do parent presentations. Cape May set it up for the 2 counties. The 2 workshops they will be doing are *Heroin and Other Opioids: From Understanding to Action* and *How to Talk to Your Kids About Anything: Including Alcohol and Other Drugs*. This won't take away from presentations we already have, just give us more information to add.

Not Even Once Training- Patrolman Ed Bertino with EHT police department spoke about #NOTEVENONCE, is a program kind of like DARE. Specifically targeting opiates and high school students. He attended the training that was sponsored by Manchester Twp. Police Department about 2 months ago. He wants to bring it to EHT. It is contingent of money, because it is labor intensive. DARE is one officer per classroom, this program is 3 or 4 officers. It's only 50 dollars for the trainers training, and now he is certified to train other officers in EHT. Each classroom would get 6 visits, it's 3 lessons and it takes 2 visits per lesson. He spoke to EHT high school and they want it to target the seniors because they don't currently have any certain curriculum in place for health. Freshman get Sex Ed, Sophomores get drivers Ed, Juniors get Drug Ed. If anyone has any contacts with police departments, encourage them to go to the training. He has talked to some other officers up in Ocean County, who are doing the program and they say the kids are talking about it and they think it's making an impact. If anyone wants to know when upcoming trainings are you can go to the Manchester police dept. website and fine out, or just contact Ed. It doesn't just have to be police officers either. Laurie mentioned that a woman she was at a training with, said she had done the training and talked about having the training within the county. We'll get more information on it so we can bring it here to each of the police departments, and maybe to some of the school resource officers. We pay for the cops and shops program at the end of every fall, so we'll get more information as that.

Upcoming Events/Announcements/Information:

Ventnor Block Party 5/12 (need volunteers)- Saturday 10-5pm. If anyone is willing to volunteer to table for a couple hours, we will have a JTAC table.

Atlantic County Opioid Crisis Summit 5/15- The morning of the Drug Court graduation at ACCC
Peer Recovery Summit 5/17

NJPN Conference 5/18

Legacy Treatment- There is a new treatment center opening up in Northfield, they are doing adolescent counseling but it's one on one and not group counseling. They do substance use, mental health, and co-occurring. Most private insurance is accepted, but they also take state insurance. It's on Tilton road. A conversation followed about the need for resources for youth.

Christina Smith- Next week is prevention week

Bob Zlotnick- They applied for a grant for CARA funds in response to the Opioid Crisis a few years ago and the notification is supposed to be by the end of this month. If the DFC renewal is not accepted, we are going to need to talk about sustainability of JTAC.

The Children's Interagency Coordinating Council- They developed a speaker's bureau, they have representatives from a variety of different services and agencies, serving kids. They go to the meetings and do trouble shooting and they have a mechanism in place to reach schools. They are trying to reach civic groups (elks, rotary, women's clubs, faith based etc.). The next meeting is Friday, if anyone is interested or knows anyone who is interested.

Try It- To be outpatient officially they have to be licensed and the county isn't going through that process. They are at a point 5 level service right now, they are a free service. They provide 4 locations throughout the county.

Next Meeting- July 10th tentatively – May change depending on retreat

Motion to adjourn 1st John Roy, 2nd Christina Smith. Motion Approved