



Pike County Health Coalition Meeting Minutes

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Monday April 16, 2017

At Pike County Senior Center in Waverly

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Matt Brewster, Health Commissioner of the Pike County General Health District. Mr. Brewster welcomed everyone. The sign-in for the meeting indicated thirteen (13) in attendance. The meeting ended at 3:50 p.m.

Attendees: Matt Brewster, Nichole Smith, Amanda Elliott, Beverly Stringer, Kim Jones, Linda Rigsby, William Miller, Hannah Piscalko, Josh Newland, Kelli Crabtree, Julie Jenkins, Rita Auton, Melinda Sheets.

Mr. Brewster started the meeting with a review and update from the previous coalition meeting. He also specified that coalition is trying to increase members to attend meetings to original members of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30).

Pike County General Health District Levy

Matt Brewster addressed the plans to run the Pike County General Health District Levy. He addressed at this meeting that the Pike County General Health District had decided that it would not be running a levy due to the public outcry of increased property taxes. Matt indicated that the health district would need to pass a health levy by 2021. At this time the health district would be functioning on the townships inside mileage and the money from the building being sold to the Sheriff's department that the commissioners purchased for the Sheriff's department. Matt stated if the health district cannot pass the next health levy, the financial burden will be significant to the townships to cover what the sale of the building will not be able to continue when the monies are dwindled.

Hope Clinic Update

Linda Rigsby gave an update for the Hope Clinic. She said that attendance has been seeing more clientele, and has seen over 100 patients in the last six months. They have saved the patients approximately \$70,000.00 in costs alone that they would be incurred by the patient at a doctor's office and emergency rooms. Linda affirmed that the current doctors in the doctor's offices are not seeing any new patients, so to help with the high overload they refer most patients without health insurance to Josh Newland, CAC, for enrollment to health exchange program. They currently have four (4) doctors, four (4) certified nurse practitioners, and a pastor for faith based and holistic patients.

Outreach & Enrollment Update

Josh Newland stated that he currently has been seeing around twenty-five to thirty patients a week for new enrollment in Medicaid, Medicare, or a health care exchange program.

YMCA Activities

There was no one in attendance from the Pike County YMCA, however, Josh Newland said that he attended the Healthy Kids Day and Easter Egg Hunt Event. A structural change had taken place within the organization and that the coalition would try to reach out to the YMCA to have a member attend the next health coalition meeting.

Drug Coalition Update

Melinda Sheets updated the coalition about the Pike County Drug Abuse Prevention and Reentry Coalition. She said that the coalition continues to work on the Pike Post Overdose Response Team (PORT) and Hidden In Plain Sight (HIPS) programs. They just had a successful event for the HIPS program at the Bristol Village Fair. She explained to the coalition what both programs were about. HIPS is a program that is geared toward a life-like child's bedroom. In this life-like bedroom the child has hidden drug paraphernalia throughout the bedroom in plain sight. It is the attendee's job for them to find these items and then will be tested on a pretest and posttest to account for the knowledge that they learned from the event. Melinda stated that the PORT has seen a reduced amount of overdoses to heroin in the month of March and that the numbers for Narcan that is administered has fallen, however saying they are seeing increase in drug use for methamphetamine with fentanyl.

Tobacco & Smoking Cessation Update

Nichole Smith informed the coalition about the tobacco and smoking cessation group projects and upcoming events. She explained that a tobacco event in Columbus was going to be held in May 2nd for "The Burden of Tobacco in Ohio" from OSU. She also explained a sponsored event that was going to be held at SOMC Friends Center in Portsmouth at the end of May. She would send out any information for anyone interested. The Tobacco & Smoking Cessation Group will be meeting May 7, 2018 at OSU extension office between 11-12 p.m.

Pike Healthy Lifestyle Initiative

Rita Auton addressed what the Pike Healthy Lifestyle Initiative (PHLI) does within their organization for obesity. She explained that the PHLI committee fund the "My Plates" and what constitutes the "My Plates" for all local third graders throughout the county and that they were going to try to include the children that are being home schooled to receive these services. Jasper Elementary had currently educated around 96 kids for the My Plates program and how great it is to be helping to educate children in the community about healthy eating habits. Rita also shared how the PHLI committee was started and what they are trying to continue to do for the local community.

PHAB Accreditation

Matt Brewster spoke about the three community health priorities of drug abuse, tobacco use, and obesity and the importance to continue working towards those projects occurring within the subcommittees. Nichole identified the Community Health Assessment (CHA) was posted on the coalition website. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) would also be posted on that current website as well as any other plans that are relevant to the accreditation process.

Other

Kim Jones, Director of Community Health at Adena Regional Medical Center, shared with the coalition about the importance of the 211 Line. It is a centralized referral line. Kim shared that other counties north of Pike County are using similar techniques. Ross County is using the 211 Line and is trying to get other counties to buy-in the services in a five county area. Pickaway and Fairfield counties were offered to be included but opted out of using the 211 line because of a different demographics to the area.

William Miller, Professor of Epidemiologist from OSU, shared with the coalition the Hep C project that he is working on with his research assistant Hannah Piscalko. William spoke that the research project was funded from the grant of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and eight different rural areas that are involved in this project with Pike, Scioto, and Jackson being a part of this opportunity. The research consist of Hep C, HIV, and associated STD's with Hep C. They have stakeholders and will be getting ready to interview drug users in the upcoming future.

Beverly Stringer, Community Engagement Coordinator from OSU, and she is also part of the Appalachian Transitional Research Network (ATRN). Beverly shared with the coalition what the ATRN role is and what role she plays with the ATRN. She stated that she partners with nine different (9) universities and they are in the process of getting the 301 (c) 3 non-profit organization for the ATRN foundation. They currently have a research project "Plan to Be Active" within the schools in the Pike County school districts. This project consists of having the first arm consists of a 10th grade students measured in the spring and second arm measured in the fall of 11th grade school year. This will allow them to be more observant of physical health and to continue to be active. Beverly suggested if anyone would be interested in any other research projects to please contact her for information.

The coalition is encouraged to check the Pike County Health Coalition website. The next meeting date will be determined at a later date and will be posted on the coalition website. The location of the next meeting will be held at the Pike County Senior Center.