

Highland County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition

December 12, 2019

Business Meeting

Business meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Creed Culbreath.

Discussion of 10/18/19 minutes—Paige did not report last meeting minutes due to electronic complications.

Old Business

Quick Response Team—Will be updated at general meeting.

Strategic Prevention framework Grant—Bill Showman reported that the grant will continue and “Take Charge Ohio” resources will be used as advertisement, as well as “rack cards” for the medical community. At the next meeting, Bill will report assistance that is needed from the coalition.

Anti-Stigma Grant—Bill Showman reported that the grant should be starting any day now. There will be a billboard across from the Court House. The ADAMH board will also be running this same campaign in surrounding counties. This will target churches, high schools and SSCC.

New Business

Future meetings—Creed Culbreath asked individuals to fill out survey on meeting preferences. Creed gave suggestions on similar meetings that he attends. Bill Showman suggested looking at the Bi-Laws to make an appropriate decision.

Creed Culbreath requested that the treatment committee needs its own chairperson. Creed was wanting to ask Roger Cheesbro to head this committee based upon experience and knowledge.

Beth Bullock announced that a new human trafficking movie will be released with a lot of valuable information.

Bill Showman suggested having the meeting in the Health Department Board room due to environment. Motion moved to change meeting location by Bill Showman and Seconded by Sandra Morgan. Majority Vote. This will be contingent upon availability and approval from the health department.

Adjournment: Motioned moved by Kimble Zornes and seconded by Kim Davis to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

General meeting

Meeting opened at 12:00 p.m. by Creed Culbreath. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves and sign in.

Creed introduced John Hanna, who is a retired pharmacist, who assists in the implementation of the Highland County Drug Court.

Creed opened the floor to any announcements:

- Kim Davis announce that there will be a sober New Year's Eve party at the highland county fairgrounds from 4:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m.; this is hosted by Hope for Highland.
- QRT announced that they are beginning to get self-referrals within the county. There is a QRT Facebook page now; please like and follow.
- Early Head started has openings in the program; this is for prenatal till 3 years of age. Head start will have openings after the first of the year at the Greenfield school.

Coalition Business Meeting overview—N/A

Guest Speakers: Beth Bullock and Amber Beavers presented on Positive Responses to Grief: Hope Healing and Prevention within families.

Amber Beavers was introduced and shared her story as follows: Amber spoke about positive responses to grief. Amber lost her brother due to an overdose. Amber shared the wonderful qualities of her brother and expressed the complications that he faced while in active addiction and his journey. Amber partnered with R.E.A.C.H. For Tomorrow to create "Adams Hope"; Amber wants to give hope to individuals and families who are experiencing addiction. Adams hope has helped 3 people thus far get connected to treatment, helped others to get mental health services who could not afford services, an individual who needed assistance with a liver transplant, as well as other initiatives in Adams honor. Amber asked anyone dealing with grief to seek help and find healing. Amber shared 3 letters to "dealers" in order to find closure and healing. Amber thanked the Coalition for letting her share her story.

Beth Bullock shared her story of the loss of her son 5 years ago. Beth explained the steps she took as a mother to get her son help, and the barriers she faced to understand his addiction. Beth stated that if she did not know what addiction entailed, that there are so many other families do not understand either. A few months after her son passed, they had a court case where the dealer had been sent to prison for 15 months, and currently is still in legal issues. Beth started "Brave Choices" to help families understand the process of addiction including resources available and a checklist. Brave choices has evolved into three QRT teams in the state, giving families resources and giving officers the opportunity to speak with families. Brave Choices has also been able to link individuals to treatment and bridge gaps. Brave Choices has partnered with "Women's Recovery" and "Freedom Hall". Brave choices has also worked with foster and kinship care providers who have gotten custody of a baby or child whose family is involved with addiction. Brave choices is looking for volunteers and donations to help the needs of families.

The floor was opened for Q&A.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2019, Noon-1:00 p.m.

General Meeting closed at 12:46 p.m.

Minutes completed by Paige Staggs