

# Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee

## Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2017

**Attendees:** Members -- Keith Pardieck (Committee Chair), Cheryl Greene (Committee Co-Chair), Cathy Clune, Ricky Cress, Candice D'Agostino, Kristen DePhillip, Mike Shisler, Ashley Staples (absent: Cathy Letteney, Mike Benton, and Mike Colburn). Guests – Joe Holmes, Mrs. Holmes, Andrew Rappaport, Dan Dan Zou.

**Location:** Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

### **Minutes:**

- I. **Meeting called to order** -- 7:02 pm
- II. **Introductions.**
- III. **Debrief discussion of Forum 1: Signs & Symptoms held on March 21 at NECC.**
  - Overall a very successful forum with 24 attendees. Thanks expressed to Ashley Staples, Lynn Taylor, Cathy Letteney and Sgt. Phelps for their starring roles in making it a success.
  - Need to change rooms or A/V equipment to mitigate sunlight problem at future events.
  - Need to be sure to set-up and test equipment at least 30 min prior to event to ensure no problems.
  - Confirm participation of presenter(s) day before event & room reservation.
  - Next End Addiction Forum entitled, "Stigma & Statistics" to be held on June 21, 2017 at the NECC 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Cheryl will see about changing rooms or getting different A/V equipment.
- IV. **TBOAA Web page update**
  - Progress continues to be made with linking Town web site to Opioid Awareness web site. Cheryl Greene is developing TBOAA icon for use on town site. The TBOAA web site URL changed from TwinBeachOAA.com to TwinBeachOAA.org. the .com site will automatically redirect to .org
- V. **Water Park Staff Naloxone training**
  - Marilyn VanWagner contacted Keith to request Opioid Overdose Response training for water park staff. Cathy and Candice put her in touch with Julie Machino, the CC Health Department contact who coordinates naloxone training. Ashley to follow-up with Julie to ensure connection made.
  - Kristen to follow-up with North Beach to see if they are interested in such training for their boardwalk staff.
  - Cheryl has previously suggested NECC staff acquire this training. She will reach out to them again.
- VI. **Door hanger content and layout**

- Cheryl has created draft and will circulate to members for review and comment.
- Ideally would like door hanger completed and distributed prior to June Forum. Ricky Cress indicated that he could probably enlist the distribution help of three little league baseball teams who are looking for community service hours. Tentatively look to Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> for distribution of door hangers. Would town provide them with ice cream treat after distribution event done? Ricky to provide safety guidelines for distribution event.

VII. **Outreach opportunities**

- TBOAA has submitted article for inclusion in upcoming CB Newsletter.
- Family Fun Fest at Beach Elementary – April 29<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl to contact Diane Adamus to see if TBOAA can have booth there. Flyers needed for this event.
- North Beach Farmer’s Market starts first Friday in May. TBOAA should have presence at Market at least once a month. Kristen to contact NB to see how to register to participate.
- Perhaps Donovans interested in having their Resort staff trained in opioid overdose response. Kristen or Cheryl to follow-up.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has declared the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> -- National Prevention Awareness Week. We are partnering with the Calvert County Health Department to disseminate resource materials. On May 18th Act Now Calvert will be presenting the FBI produced movie “Chasing the Dragon” at Flagship Cinemas in Prince Frederick at 6:30 pm.

VII. **Discussion of treatment availability**

- Group recognized that raising awareness a good thing but if treatment services not available when someone is ready to get help, then it defeats the purpose. Treatment services (in-house and walk-in) are available in county and in nearby counties but most are privately run with limited beds. Unclear if this group can have role in improving availability.
- CAASA does have some funds to help cover some costs associated with treatment for those who qualify. Perhaps can help obtain additional funds for this purpose through grant.

IX. **Public Comment** – None.

X. **Next Meeting** – May, date and location to be decided.

XI. **Meeting adjourned** – 7:44 pm

Addendum: After adjournment, several members of the committee discussed setting up a sign that tracks number of overdoses in Twin Beaches and county similar to vehicle collision/death sign count to help raise awareness.