

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Warren County Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022
8:00-10:30 am

Attendance

In person: Sally Mills, Trisha Schulz, Laura Loftin, Megan Crouch, Kelli Waggoner, Miranda Lamb, Melissa Perduk, Jeff Rhein, Victoria Billman, Carol Lucio, Mary Ann Detmer, Ann Brock, Matt McLaughlin, Amanda Peterson, Zachary Bors, Jennie McConnaughey, Pam Withrow, Chad Larson, Robert Taliaferro, Lisa Thamann, Laura Dean, Desiree Batsche, Samantha Gray, Katie Wolf, Vikki Stickelman, Jessica Terry, Steve Brady, Kim Sellers, Chris Peters, Monica Thomas, Zach McDaniel, Rich Bertagna, Rev. Steve Tufts, Brian Russ, Dianne Ruwe, Charlie Gillespie, Michele Robinette, Jeff Robinette, Ray Wang, Pat Clark, Jeff Walker, Arla Tannehill, Mike McCutchan, Jennifer Landry, Jody Smith, Erica Norton, Joseph Weeks, Tim Tepe, Tracy Funke, Amber Spaeth, Shelby Russell, Shelley Brown, Joel Jacobs, Anthony Wade, Jennifer Wade, Matt Barrett

Livestream: Gloria Kinney, Jenn Proffitt, Jacqueline Rapose, Heather Moore, Michelle Bales, Valerie Chiefarri, Alicia Habermehl, Teresa Philpot; others who did not RSVP or provide an email

- Breakfast and networking 8:00-9:00 am
- Joel Jacobs, Chair of the Faith-Based Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave housekeeping information. He spoke about the newly developed faith committee, encouraging people to join and invite others. Pastor Wade from Faith Building Church gave a blessing over the Coalition and the community.
- Steve Brady, Chair, led an activity that demonstrated how we are stronger when we partner together for the same mission in our community. Steve then introduced the first speaker.
- Sgt. Joe Weeks, Ohio State Patrol gave information on the work of Ohio State Police to keep our roads safe from impaired driving. He spoke about the highways that run through our county and the impact of substances in vehicle stops and fatal crashes. He explained the signs officers use to detect impaired driving and the procedures that follow. He also talked about OVI checkpoints and the prevention work the police do.
- Steve then introduced the next speaker, Captain Mike McCutchan of Lebanon Police Department. He shared statistics and photos from the recent Drug Take Back Day in the county, talked about the partnership the police department has had with the Coalition and Kroger for many years, and reconnecting with the Countryside Y. He showed a PowerPoint with statistics on Lebanon police calls and traffic stops that involved substances, use of Narcan, etc.
- Steve brought up the next speaker, Carol Lucio, Regional SADD Chapter, who shared a video about marijuana and the teenage brain. She also spoke about SADD's efforts towards prevention work

around impaired driving and the programs they offer for teens. She reported that at a recent training, marijuana is now the leading substance found in vehicle stops for impaired driving.

- Steve welcomed Robert Tailiaferro and Chad Larson, Probation Officers at Warren County Juvenile Court. They gave statistics on substance abuse-related drug screens and charges in youth who have come to the attention of the court. They noted that marijuana is by far the most often seen substance in positive drug screens. They spoke about the impact substances have on school attendance and performance. They also talked about the work the court is doing to connect youth to treatment and positive interventions like community service, rather than punitive consequences.
- Steve then brought up the final speaker of the morning, Lt. Chris Peters of the Warren County Drug Task Force. Lt. Peters brought a PowerPoint showing substances found in our area, including a large bust from a youth in the county in recent years. He also spoke about marijuana, edibles and the difficulty law enforcement face with the products found in local vape shops. He talked about the origin of the illegal substances found in our area coming from the cartels across the border and how they end up in our area. He also showed the devastating impact substances have on the body.
- Questions were raised by a few in the audience.
- Shelley Brown, Director, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting both in-person and online. She encouraged everyone who was at the meeting for the first time to join the Coalition and be a part of the great work being done in the community. She asked that people check out the Coalition's website and social media for the most updated information and volunteer opportunities. She reported that the next Coalition meeting will be held on December 1, 2022.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. A link to the taped presentation can be found here <https://youtu.be/Oy8ePKUj3ns>.