



Date: January 5, 2023

Time: 8:45-10:30 am

In Attendance

Shelley Brown, Steve Brady, Valerie Walch, Katie Wolf, Lynda Ramsey, Erin Immell, Robert Wendling, Samantha Gray, Roy Lutz, Abby Wallace, Shelby Russell, Jennifer Pitman, Kevin Harleman, Lauren Roush, Lori Phelps, Joel Jacobs, Jack Jacobs, Tommy Koopman, Barry Riley, Stan Jackson, Michele Robinette, Trisha Shultz, Donna Davis, Charlie Hartman, Jennifer Landry, Arla Tannehill, Rich Bertagna, Robert Peeler, Vikki Stickelman, Heather Moore, Brian Russ, Nichole Richardson, Amanda Kuchenberg, Jennifer Smith, Steve Thompson, Danaisy Almanza, Miranda Lamb, Zach McDaniel, Stephanie Duell, Kim Sellers, Stephen Hill, Jackie Hunter, Raymond Wang

Mission Statement

Partners working collaboratively to prevent the misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by youth and adults in Warren County and to build healthy communities by increasing protective factors, reducing risk factors and sharing resources.

Meeting Notes

- Breakfast and networking provided from 8:45-9:00 am
- Coalition members introduced themselves as Shelley Brown, Director, kicked off the January meeting
- Steve Brady, Chair, led us in an icebreaker activity. We discussed how it is important to change your perspective as you receive new information, and how the problems aren't always as it seems.

- Miranda Lamb read the coalition mission statement to remind us all of our “why”
- Charlie Hartman, Vice-Chair had everyone write what they hope to get out of today’s meeting
- Michele Robinette, Treasurer, went over the finances as we kick off the new year. She reviewed the DFC budget and current balance. We are in good shape and keeping receipts!
- Miranda Lamb, Social Media Manager, gave an update on social media reach. Our Facebook views are trending upwards which is great! “Love” reactions and shares get more reach. She encouraged coalition members to like the page and continue interacting with posts. We got 23 more likes and 27 new followers in December! Instagram reach increased 80%, we are also encouraged to interact with the Instagram page if that is a social media platform we use. If coalition partners have upcoming events, send info to Miranda Lamb at Miranda.sapcwarren@gmail.com and she will share them on social media.
- Shelley Brown, Director, led us in a discussion on sustainability, goal setting, DFC and Drug Task Force expectations. We get credit on the DFC grant for ANY event that coalition partners participate in. If you participate in any events within your own organizations, send that info to Shelley so she can add it to the DFC grant. We need representation from all 12 sectors in the county. Social media is a big aspect of what is expected in these grants, which is why there is a push for coalition members to participate in our social media. Youth Led prevention is another big aspect, as we continue to work with Mason youth and look to expand. Barry Riley mentioned that they did underage vape shop sales as well as alcohol sales thing where they issued 12 citations for underage vape sales and 9 for underage alcohol sales. He shared that they also did a large sweep of inventory at a VIP smoke shop, which has been productive. The Drug Task Force gave the coalition \$10,000 to work on other substance use prevention efforts, including things like adult focuses on meth and heroin. We need to report 70 events for the year to help drug task force reach their goals, so again, send any events members participate in to Shelley so they can count toward the Drug Task Force Events.

- Coalition members filled out round table discussions at their individual tables to discuss what the coalition should focus on moving forward. There was a general consensus that involving more parents is a priority for the coalition. There was also collective interest in expanding the coalition in more parts of the county and focusing on adult prevention. Social media was the unanimous choice for best ways to advertise for the coalition. We discussed introducing lunch-and-learn trainings in the upcoming months. We discussed if it was reasonable to ask each coalition member to commit to volunteering for one event. Shelley discussed how we are interested in more types of events to volunteer so that more people can be involved, as we understand that some people may never be able to work a pop-up prevention in the school during the day. Need to have a lot of times available for volunteering. There is a sign-up genius being created so that people can sign up for times online.
- Steve Brady, Chair, discussed volunteer opportunities within the coalition. He passed out a sheet with all of the volunteer opportunities that are scheduled SO FAR this year (more potentially to come). These sign up options are available online on the website on the events tab. Or, you can sign up to volunteer by letting Shelley know directly. Since sustainability is our focus this year, we want a way for everyone to feel like they are involved and connected.
- Robert Wendling and Samantha Gray from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities gave a presentation to coalition members about the organization. OOD is a state agency that empowers Ohioans with disabilities through employment, disability determinations, and independence. They provide vocational rehabilitation. Disability does not mean someone receiving SSI/SSDI, and there can be visible and invisible disabilities. Substance use is a disability that makes it challenging to find a job, keep a job, or obtain promotions. OOD offers Jobs for Recovery for individuals living with a substance use disorder. For more info, visit <https://ood.ohio.gov/about-us/programs-and-partnerships/ood-jobs-for-recovery>
- Shelley Brown, Director, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She asked that participants reflect on whether their expectations or goals for today's meeting were met.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. Additional time for networking and socialization was provided at the end of the meeting.

Action Steps

- ▣ Like, follow, and share coalition social media pages to increase reach
- ▣ Each coalition member must volunteer for at least one event this year. Sign up to volunteer at prevention events using the events tab on the SAPC website or by reaching out to Shelley.

Next Meeting

February 2nd | 8:45-10:30am

Warren County Administration Building

406 Justice Drive, Room 128, Lebanon, OH 45036