

June 3, 2010, Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Unintentional Drug Poisoning Coalition

East Dayton Health Center

Attending:

Gary LeRoy, MD, Chair; Robert Carlson, PhD, Gail Chmielewski, MS; Russel Falck, MA; Jim Gross, MPH; Andrea Herman, MPA; Major Mark Hess; Andrea Hoff; William Holly, MPA; Tim Lane, MEd; Lee Lehman, PhD, MD; Laureen Marinetti, PhD; Lt. Brad Nickels; Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Payne; Brenda Roman, MD; Willie Scales; Chris Stieritz, RPh; Cathy Trame, RN, MS.

Dr. LeRoy opened the initial meeting of the coalition by facilitating introductions and asking each person in attendance to share their perspective on the problem of accidental prescription drug overdoses. He explained the role of the coalition was to consider relevant data and literature and to make recommendations to the local health department as well as the Ohio Department of Health regarding practices and policies that may produce a reduction in unintentional prescription drug overdoses. He thanked members for agreeing to participate in the coalition

Next, members were asked to complete a brief paper and pencil survey on the problem of accidental prescription drug poisonings. Results will be tabulated and shared with members. Its purpose is to fulfill contractual obligations and to assess whether members attitudes about the problem change over time.

Russel Falck discussed the background of the project and how it came to WSU. He distributed a complete list of objectives as they appeared in the proposal. A brief discussion about them ensued.

Tim Lane distributed and discussed background data, which included national, state, and Montgomery County trends in unintentional prescription drug poisoning deaths.

Dr. Carlson provided an overview of the Ohio Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force initial report and described the relationship between the work of the Coalition and that of the task force and the Ohio Poison Action Group/New and Emerging Drug Trends Working Group (PAG/NEDTW).

Dr. LeRoy led a group discussion that covered a number of topics including:

The use of naloxone by first responders, including a comparison of injectable and inhaled forms

Sources of pharmaceutical opioids involved in unintentional overdose deaths in Montgomery County

Advantages of expanding OARxRS use

A Poison Death Review (PDR) process, including issues related to implementing a process that modeled after the Child Fatality Review process

Ohio House Bill 187

Use of Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) data to gain a more complete understanding of non-fatal prescription drug overdoses

Physician awareness training

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) data on overdoses

Limitations of data in general

A preliminary list of items to be addressed at next meeting:

GDAHA data on drugs involved in non-fatal overdoses

PAG/NEDTW recommendations

EMS data

Designing a practicable Poison Death Review process for Montgomery County

Preliminary summary of relevant peer-reviewed literature and information available from other sources such as Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

Next meeting: late August/early September, 2010. Date and time to be announced.