



Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Report-back Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2015

Attendees:

Catherine Whitright, resident
Elbert Whitright, resident
Matthew Petersen, Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers
Joanne Randall, United Way Services of Geauga County
Dan Mix, Geauga County Health District
George Pogan, Middlefield Care Center
Toni Blake, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, Family Community Services
Dennis Michelson, NAMI
Angela Daugherty, Family Pride
Jim Adams, Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services
Erwin Leffel, Thompson Twp. Trustee, Geauga Township Association, Health District Advisory Board
Karen Lackey, Geauga Educational Service Center, Geauga TPP/YLP Director
Vicki Clark, Ravenwood
Mary Wynne-Peaspanen, Family Planning Association of NE Ohio
Tim Kehres, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Dawn Pilarczyk, UH Geauga Medical Center
Dawn Damante, UH Geauga Medical Center

Materials provided to participants:

- Minutes from September 17, 2015
(<http://phg.geaugacountyhealth.org/pdfs/chip/PHGSep172015.pdf>)
- Geauga County CHIP Progress Report
(<http://phg.geaugacountyhealth.org/pdfs/chip/Geauga%20CHIP%20Report%20Back%20Progress9-17-15.pdf>)
- Agenda for meeting
- Geauga County Unintentional Drug-related Deaths 2008 – 2014 report

Dan Mix, Geauga County Health District started the meeting at 10:00 AM

1. The attendees introduced themselves
2. Committee chairs reported on progress for each action step, as shown in the attached CHIP progress report
3. Committee discussed several potential action steps for 2016, including:
 - a. Drug Court
 - i. Denis Michelson, Vicki Clark and Jim Adams felt there was little support for a drug court in Geauga County because of the requirements by the Supreme Court of Ohio, but felt that many of the benefits are already realized, including sentencing flexibility by the Municipal Court and a jail treatment program with

counseling and case management. The weak link is lack of management after the jail sentence is completed.

- b. Unwanted drug disposal
 - i. The Geauga County Sheriff and several police departments do have 24x7 take back boxes. Possibility to expand the number of departments, including take back of syringes and liquid medications. More public outreach needed
 - c. Mentoring programs
 - i. Tim Kehres shared about the evidence based and return-on-investment (ROI) of mentoring, including an immediate \$3.29 for every \$1 invested and a long-term return of \$23 for every \$1 invested considering a functioning, tax-paying adult. Big Brothers Big Sisters are in every school system in Geauga. May be a need for public awareness of the programs
 - d. Telemedicine
 - i. George Pogan shared about the medical savings in reduced hospitalizations and transportation costs; George also pointed out that improved technology has made telemedicine more viable
4. The next CHIP progress report-back meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services