

Ohio Addictions Roundtable
September 2, 2016
Meeting Minutes

- Present:** Joyce Starr- OhioMHAS; Brad Lander-Talbot Hall; Joe Gay- Health Recovery Services; Carol Kasha- Ciallella- Recovery and Prevention Resources Delaware/Morrow; John Ellis- University of Akron; Steve Walkenhorst- Health Experience
- Phone:** Karen Olnhause- MHR SB of Lucas County; Sabrina Jones- LCADA Way
- Guest:** Sanford Starr- OhioMHAS

I. Old Business/Reporting:

- a. **Minutes:**
- b. **Charter:** C. Kasha- Ciallella reviewed revisions to the Roundtable Charter inclusive of elimination of term limit language. Committee approved 8/2016 version of the Charter.
- c. **Talbot Hall:** B. Lander updated the committee on results of their CARF survey, inclusive newly developed electronic casenote. Group agreed to the benefits of charting a note to each goal of the treatment plan. Some discussion on how difficult this model would be to implement in organizations with less institutional support and IT infrastructure.
- d. **Medication Assisted Treatment:** The committee had a robust conversation relative to expansion of MATs. Salient discussion points included:
 - i. S. Starr led discussion on pooling select treatment programs (e.g. Ohio Council Members) for potential methods for linking community “quality” MAT physicians into treatment programs.
 - ii. Need to increase dialogue with Drug Courts relative to all MAT options. Per discussion, many courts oppose agonist treatments (methadone, buprenorphine).
 - iii. J. Ellis introduced discussion on the new Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) passed in July 2016. CARA includes future releases of grants relative to opiates and criminal justice diversion programs. The Grants will be CJ specific. Urge OhioMHAS to coordinate with ODRC in anticipation of this emerging resource.
 - iv. Discussion on anecdotal evidence of Children Services workers bias with referring to Agonist programs. Group agreed for need to develop training for CSB workers relative to opiates.
 - v. Currently OTP’s are not included in OARRS. A dual enrollment process would allow better tracking in emergencies.
 - vi. Committee agreed we need to better synchronize efforts to address the opiate epidemic across departments/disciplines. Some well meaning initiatives may be undoing other efforts. Examples include:
 1. Some CSB do not recognize persons on MAT’s as being “in recovery” and making re-unification decisions accordingly.
 2. Some Courts are becoming top-heavy with referring to antagonist medications when agonists may be clinically indicated.

3. Separate training platforms for Courts, Children Services, JFS, and OMHAS.
- e. **Next Steps** (draft)
 - i. Reach out to OACBHA regarding Agenda for their 2017 Opiate Conference (JE)
 - ii. Develop 8-15 minutes of Opiate treatment content to be disseminated to all CSB workers.
 - iii. Letter to County CSB Directors illuminating the issue.
 - iv. Letter to Governors Office outlining pillars of the problem and a plan.
 - v. Reach out to Bobbie Boyer, Department of Human Services, to attend our next RT meeting (JS)
 - vi. Consider using *Trauma Informed Treatment* training approach by augmenting other disciplines with “*Opiate Informed Treatment*” strategies.
 - f. **Follow-up Items:**
 - i. Continue to have issues with Cash Pay DATA 2000 practices. Follow up on whether Ohio can adopt the Kentucky Model- If using Medicaid to fill Buprenorphine rx, must show Medicaid billing from prescriber.
 - g. **OMHAS Updates:** J. Starr updated group on the following:
 1. State has determined finalists for the program policy position formerly held by B. DeCamp.
 2. There was 100% participation at the last state OTP meeting, including representatives from the DEA and Pharmacy Board.

II. New Business:

III. **Next Meeting:** Friday October 7, 2016

Addendum:

Follow link for Ohio OARRS: <https://www.ohiopmp.gov/Portal/Default.aspx>

County Data Link: <https://www.ohiopmp.gov/Portal/Reports.aspx> (go to County Data)

Respectfully submitted- J. Ellis