

# HEROIN/OPIATE WORKGROUP NOTES

April 7, 2017

ATTENDING: Robert Kappelman, Tim Edingfield, Jennifer Stephens, Cynthia Edwards, Earl Boots, Greg Dalton, Char Luther, Tracy Herning, Korey Ham, Arielle Gordon, David Brown, Kurt Smith, Diane Whitson, Liz Tarrant, Jill Vandehey, Kaaren Reiche, Rachel Stappler

Chief Kappelman gave a summary of this workgroup. See notes from previous meetings.

Focus groups are happening. Rotary is scheduled for May 16, 2017 at noon at the Mill Casino. Need additional volunteers to facilitate breakout groups.

Chief talked to NALS group and used the opportunity to conduct an impromptu focus group. He reported the results to some of the questions. The most surprising info shared was that opiates will sell on the street for \$50 - \$80 per pill. There is considerable education to be done with the general public.

House Bill is proposed to require any narcotic/controlled substance to be prescribed for 7 days with renewal requiring another visit to physician. Major push back from big pharmacy companies. Great concern in medical community re how this can be handled.

Drug take back is asking big pharma companies to pay for take back.

Trying to shift awareness to ask for non-narcotic meds

Rachel Stappler has Opioid Information pamphlets that can be distributed at Focus Groups.

Working on connecting ADAPT and the County Jail to see if there is a way to create a Detox, Crisis Center, Inpatient treatment

Sobering Center is being researched. Good example in Grants Pass.

Bringing together several community stakeholders to create a plan is the lead in to applying for large grant funds.

Annex is going to be vacant soon... opening another possibility.

Randy from Bay Cities Ambulance says the Cahoots folks from Eugene would come talk to us anytime. We need to have some services (sobering center, detox, etc) to provide before anything meaningful can happen.

ADAPT is working on alternative housing for people in recovery. Bay Area First Step is developing Empire Motel one apartment at a time. 40 rooms in total.

A large grant is being written to address keeping families together during rehab and recovery .. several stakeholders are involved.

Coos Cares is opening a family shelter on Johnson St. in Coos Bay. Working with Harmony Methodist church. Hoping to open July 1.

Through ADAPT there is an 8-week drug education class and cooking school class available to schools. In Marshfield, Bandon, Winter Lakes, Sunset currently.

DARE curriculum has been completely re-written to go beyond drug and violence resistance to building strong kids. Recognized as evidence-based. Now presented in first grade, fifth grade. Next year adding 7<sup>th</sup> grade. One SRO to teach so that is max for now.

Suggestion made to try to fit DARE training into Common Core Requirements.

NEXT MEETING is MAY 19 at 12:30 at NORTH BEND PUBLIC LIBRARY.