

Lorain County Opioid Action Team Meeting

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Goal: **1) Reduce Overdoses and Overdose Deaths, 2) Increase access to treatment and recovery supports.**

Date and Location of Committee Meeting: Friday September 18, 2020, 8:30 – 10:30 am, held at Mercy Amherst HealthPlex, Amherst, OH

Members in Attendance (attach sign-in sheet or list members’ names and organizations): Elaine Georgas, Shakeer Mokerrom, Jinx Mastney, Sarah Reinhold (MHARS Board of Lorain County), Lori Kokoski, (Lorain County Commissioners) Sabrina Jones (The LCADA Way), Pamela Weiland, Sarah Lehane (Lorain County Public Health), Melanie Williamson (Let’s Get Real), Dawn Kroh (Firelands), Don Halliday (UH-EMC)Lt. Deena Baker (Elyria Police Department), Deanna Wise (Lorain County Children Services), Nicole Holt (Lorain County Health and Dentistry), Shanna Rose (Lorain County Recovery Court), Sherry Clouser (Lorain County Court of Common Pleas), Nicole Martin (Silver Maple Recovery), Don Schiffbauer, Tina Zimmerman (Nord Center), Jenn Judkins (LCCC), Chitra Walker (Medworks USA), Susan Collins (Spero Health)

Meeting Notes:

Agenda Topics	Notes <i>(Recurring themes, points of agreement or disagreement, etc.)</i>
Welcome/Introductions	Elaine Georgas welcomed attendees, members introduced themselves. Elaine Read the Value Statement for the Opioid Action Team.
Data Updates	<p>Sarah Reinhold presented the updated Opioid initiative data which is held on www.mharslc.org/data . Data was presented regarding mortality data, warm handoff, quick response teams, medication safe and disposal. She indicated that overdose trends for the current year are increasing (72 y-t-d) and will possibly be greater than 2019 (89) and that COVID-19 may also be impacting overdoses this year. Sarah presented map data for Quick Response Teams, medication safes and pouches and overdose data from the systems we can obtain information from at this time. Sarah shared how users can filter reports.</p> <p>Sarah Lehane shared an update from the project funded by Ohio Department of Health to build capacity for Overdose Detection Mapping Application System (ODMAP) which began through the Bureau of Justice Administration and the Washington Baltimore HIDTA. This has the ability to report real-time overdose data in communities and health partners can gain access to level-2 communitywide data (non-identifying data) to help us identify high risk areas and determine strategies for prevention and intervention. Sarah indicates that work is underway to determine an Application Programming Interface with the local police, fire and EMS systems beginning with EMS.</p>
Community Readiness	Elaine introduced Shakeer Mokerrom who is our Americorp VISTA Member this year.

Value Statement

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Assessments	Shakeer will lead Community Readiness Assessments with stakeholders regarding the opioid issues in our county. This will provide us with guidance to move ahead with strategies to focus on: knowledge of the issues, knowledge of efforts, community climate, leadership and resources.
State Opioid Response Initiatives	Elaine reported that Ohio is completing the first State Opioid Response project and is moving ahead with the next funding initiative – we are still awaiting details for the application for our county. The focus of the new funding includes treatment and recovery services for persons with opioid use disorders and/or stimulant disorders.
Harm Reduction Clinic Updates	Don Schiffbauer reported that Kelly Camlin will be overseeing the harm reduction clinic and work is currently underway to finalize space and infrastructure. The target is for a mid-October initially operating at 20hours/week 1-5 pm (M-F) at the Nord Center’s 3150 Clifton Avenue (Lorain) facility. An upcoming meeting is scheduled with MHARS and Let’s Get Real, then Don will be reaching out to civic leaders including the Lorain mayor and police chief. Once this is completed there will be a partner meeting to finalized details. Kelly will be visiting the clinic in Cleveland. This is a portal of entry for comprehensive services not just for needle exchange but also for family members. Don indicated that education and promotion of harm reduction also needs to be finalized.
MHARS Updates	<p>Elaine reported that the Navigator at El Centro (440-204-7025) is now integrated to also assist individuals for substance use resources.</p> <p>Don Schiffbauer provided an update about the Crisis Now model – no wrong door – for individuals in crisis. This will include rapid triage, medication stabilization and quick counseling. This includes development of a crisis receiving center in partnership with LCADA Way. Phase 1 starts OCT 1 and care pathways will be developed at Nord Center also using the current 12 Bed ESS unit. The project will expand capacity to include SUD or co-occurring diagnosis; using ASAM 3.2 and 3.5. The need is to also expand 3.7 (inpatient withdrawal management). Work is currently underway regarding clinical protocols, coverage and a licensure waiver from OhioMHAS.</p> <p>Question regarding allowing police to bring persons with addiction- Don indicated this will be available in Phase 2. Plans could be to have police/ems bypass the emergency department for triage since Lifecare is currently onsite at the Nord Center. Shanna Rose will reach out directly for questions she has. Two resources are shared: Crisis care for Everyone and Crisis Now Models</p> <p>Elaine reported that the Community Health Improvement Plan’s Substance Use Priority includes strategies to address overdoses and overdose death. LCOAT will continue to be the lead team to help this priority.</p>
Opioid Team Structure and Branches	Sarah Lehane reported that her work is to draft the governance document for the Lorain County Opioid Action Team. Elaine and Sarah L. discussed how technical assistance was received from Montgomery County and shared the new structure for our county’s action team. The table of organization for the action team was shared. It was discussed that each operational branch would have a lead community facilitator and support from staff from either MHARS or LCPH. Community members have been

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	identified for facilitator roles and attendees were also asked to provide response to which branch(es) they would be able to participate on. It is anticipated that the branches will begin in October.
Community Updates	<p>Jinx provided a wrap-up of overdose awareness day and expressed her appreciation for the partners who placed flags and for the recovery stories.</p> <p>Jinx Mastney reported on the training next week with Steve Click and the upcoming scheduled trainings on the attached document.</p> <p>Jinx reminded members that med safes and disposal pouches continue to be available via mail or pickup at MHARS office.</p> <p>Jinx reminded members that September is Recovery Month and First Responder Appreciation week is September 20-26.</p> <p>Pam Weiland reminded members that naloxone kits are available by mail. She reported that the Board of pharmacy will lift Terminal Distributor License in the next 90 days.</p> <p>Susan Collins announced that Spero Health opened in July in our Elyria and offers walk-ins and appointments and includes MAT: suboxone and vivitrol.</p>
Next Meeting Date	January 22, 2021 (location tba)

Action Steps:

Action Step(s)	Responsible Partner(s)	Timeframe
Harm Reduction Clinic prep to open; target date to open Mid October, 2020: meeting with MHARS/Let's Get Real, meeting with clinic partners, meeting with civic leadership	Nord Center – Don Schiffbauer, Kelly Camlin	Mid October opening
State Opioid Response – prepare for application	MHARS Staff	October, 2020
New Structure for Opioid Action Team: Recruit Branch Facilitators, recruit Branch members; convene meetings with support staff	MHARS and LCPH Staff lead	October, 2020 – finalize recruitment and convene branches
Prepare for Community Readiness Assessments	MHARS and Americorp VISTA	Fall – Winter 2020

Next Meeting Date and Location: The next meeting will be held on Friday January 22, 2021; 8:30 10:30 am; location TBA

Individual(s) Completing this Form (name and organization): Elaine Georgas and Sarah Reinhold, MHARS Board of Lorain County

Documents attached for this meeting:

- Meeting agenda
- LCOAT Governance Document

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- **LCOAT Structure – Table of Organization**
- **Overdose Awareness Day wrap up**
- **Upcoming Trainings**

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MEETING

HELD AT: gotomeeting
Friday – 09/18/2020 8:30 – 10:30 am

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Data Updates- *Sarah Reinhold/Sarah Lehane*
 - a. Livestories update: www.mharsloraincounty.org/actionteam
 - b. ODMAP Data Initiative – Lorain County Public Health
3. Community Readiness Assessments
4. State Opioid Response Initiatives
5. Harm Reduction Clinic Updates
6. MHARS Updates – *Elaine Georgas*
 - a. Integrated Navigator System
 - b. Crisis Improvements – Status Report
 - c. Alignment with Overdose Priority with the Lorain County Community Health Improvement Plan
7. Opiate Team – Structure and Branches
 - a. See Draft Governance Document and Structure
8. Community Updates – *Jinx Mastney*
 - a. Overdose Awareness Day wrap-up
 - b. First Responders Training
 - c. Med Safes and Disposal Pouches
 - d. Naloxone Kits
 - e. Recovery Month

Lorain County Opioid Action Team (LCOAT) Governance Document

Mission

Reduce overdoses and overdose deaths and increase access to treatment and recovery supports in Lorain County.

Value Statement

Lorain County's Opioid Action Team (LCOAT) commits to work together through a comprehensive, data-driven plan that effectively blends, braids, and if necessary, acquires resources that address the priorities of prevention and reduction of factors contributing to the devastating human, economic and societal impacts of opioid abuse, overdose and death in Lorain County.

Vision

To empower every individual and community partner to strengthen our community's wellness.

Purpose

The purpose of the LCOAT is to engage collaboration among key stakeholders within the community to take a multidisciplinary approach using data to design intentional evidence based strategies that address the factors underlying accidental deaths due to drug overdoses in Lorain County.

Description

The LCOAT was formed in response to the 2011 Lorain County Community Health Assessment and the capacity for Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) in Lorain County. The Mental Health, Addiction, and Recovery Services (MHARS) of Lorain County currently serves as the coordinating entity (i.e. Backbone) in partnership with Lorain County Public Health to address the reduction of accidental overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment and recovery supports. As the coordinating entity, LCOAT has developed a structure that connects key stakeholders with private and public entities that focus on five strategies: Reduce the Demand for Opiates, Reduce the Supply of Opiates, Overdose Prevention, Increase Access to Treatment, Increase Access to Recovery Supports; Additionally, LCOAT focuses on a key social determinant of building sustainable economic opportunities for persons in recovery from Opioid Use Disorder.

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The LCOAT will consist of an Advisory Committee, Joint Information Center, Planning Section, and Operations section. The planning section will have a branch that will focus on data. The **Advisory Committee** will include the Co-lead entities (MHARS and LCPH) and will also

- Include a diverse spectrum of community stakeholders
- Define the Overall Vision
- Support Aligned Activities
- Establish Shared Measurement Practices
- Mobilize Resources
- Advance Policy
- Connections to Social Determinants of Health

The **Joint Information Center** will include Public Information officers (or the like) from the partners of LCOAT to ensure common messaging, coordination of media releases and consistent public awareness.

The **Planning Section** will: Develop Action Plans based on the Strategies (Reduce the Demand for Opiates, Reduce the Supply of Opiates, Overdose Prevention, Increase Access to Treatment, Increase Access to Recovery Supports); Situation Status; Data Reports, Evaluation. The Planning Section will be responsible for designing Strategic Plan Maps for the key strategies of LCOAT at templates for each Operations Section Branch to use. These maps are in a logic model format inclusive of problem statement, action and outcome sections.

- **Data Unit** will report to the Planning Section. The work of the Data Unit will be to define and track relevant data that will enhance efforts to monitor opioid use and opioid related morbidity and mortality, interventions and outcomes.

The **Operations Section** will consist of seven branches and focus on the following areas related to drug overdose prevention: response, prevention/education and information, treatment/recovery, prescription opioids, family support, harm reduction, and illegal supply control. The Branches will utilize the Strategic Plan Maps (created by the Planning Section) to design comprehensive evidence based (or evidence-informed) strategies that are designed to impact the identified problem(s); Lead Partners for the strategies will be defined as well as budget and resources, and timelines. Short-term measurable outcomes will be defined by each Branch for the Strategies. Definitions of each branch follow:

- **Response Branch:** Emergency and Crisis Plan to respond to individuals in crisis or a large casualty event of mass overdoses at one time;
- **Treatment and Recovery Branch:** Expand access to treatment and community support programs, including access and utilization of treatment options in the criminal justice system; Faith based organizations.

- **Family Support Branch:** Promote best practices to engage children, parents, grandparents and other family members impacted by opioid misuse and abuse; Faith based organizations.
- **Illegal Supply Control Branch:** Decrease supply of illegal opioids and other illicit substances.

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- **Prevention, Education and Information Branch:** Raise awareness and knowledge of the dangers of opioids and illicit drug misuse by implementing public awareness activities; youth group education; prevent opioid and illicit drug misuse; address stigma to opioid use disorder;
- **Prescription Opioids Branch:** Promote use of best practices among healthcare providers for prescribing opioids for acute and chronic pain and medical/dental procedures
- **Harm Reduction Branch:** Increase capacity of harm reduction programming (including syringe exchange, naloxone distribution) to effectively provide overdose prevention and engage clients in support services.

Member Term and Responsibilities

All community partners who are interested in participating in one or more of the LCOAT branch(es) will be included based on their area of interest or expertise.

Co-leads of each branch will be responsible for scheduling meetings, creating and agenda, and ensure that meeting minutes are recorded

Each Branch will consist of a support member from either MHARS or LCPH and will support the administrative work of the Co-Leads.

Meeting Schedule

The Advisory committee will meet on a regular basis, but at least semi-annually, to review the operations of the program and make recommendations.

The LCOAT meeting with all branches will meet on a quarterly basis.

The Joint Information Center, and Planning Sections and each branch of the Operations Sections will meet at least every 60 days

Participation Expectations

Members of the LCOAT are expected to attend and participate in meetings that they have indicated their area(s) of interest/expertise. Additionally, members are expected to:

- Identifying goals relevant to branch description
- Create and prioritize action steps based on data driven decisions

Order of Business Including Decision Making, Leadership, Officers and Responsibilities

The backbone support partners (MHARS and LCPH) will serve as the coordinative, support team for LCOAT and will also work to attain and provide technical assistance to any Section of LCOAT. The Advisory Committee will convene organizations in a systematic manner to obtain support, identify available resources, and appoint experts to serve as the lead for each branch.

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Decision Making – Guided by information from the Planning Section (and the Data Unit), the Advisory Committee will approve all action plans inclusive of strategies (activities) and outcomes as drafted through the Branches. This will be in a consensus-based approval format by representatives in attendance during the Advisory Committee meeting(s).

Leadership – for representatives from entities, we prefer they designate person(s) who have best expertise knowledge to serve on LCOAT (including the branches) who will have access to decision makers from the entity they represent. Members serving in capacity on the Advisory Committee are preferred to be in upper administrative capacity of the entity they represent.

Officers and Responsibilities-as this is an action team, there will not be officers formally designated for LCOAT.

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Community Organizations with Designated Representatives

Cleveland Clinic – Avon

Jenny Evans, *Program Manager*

Scott Peterson, *PA-C Pain Management*

Rebecca Starck, *President*

Communities That Care of Lorain County

Elaine Georgas, *Interim Executive Director MHARS*

Community Foundation

Cynthia Andrews, *President and CEO*

Linda Styer, *Senior Program Officer*

Concerned Citizen

Kathy Boylan

Drug Enforcement Agency

Lorna McClain, *Community Outreach Specialist*

Erik Kochanowski, *Supervisor*

Emergency Management Agency

Tom Kelly, *Director*

Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services

Dawn Kroh, *Site Director*

Darci Tellep, *Integrated Care Coordinator*

EMS Representative

Skip Gentry, *Director South Lorain Ambulance*

Lisa Harington, *ED/EMS Manager Mercy Health*

Joe Priestersbach, *Communications Specialist LifeCare Ambulance*

EI Centro

Thelma Cruz, *Community and Health Coordinator/Mental Health Navigator*

Victor Leandry, *Executive Director*

Fire Department Representative

Mike Wetherbee, *Wellington Fire Chief*

Governor Mike DeWine's office

Michelle Gilchrist, *Chief of Staff*

The LCADA Way

Jose Flores, *Associate director of community education and prevention services*

Dan Haight, *Chief Operating Officer*

Tom Stuber, *President and CEO*

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Lorain County Court of Common Pleas/

Recovery Court

Sherry Clouser, *Court Administrator*

John Miraldi, *Judge*

Shanna Rose, *Probation Officer/ Specialty
Docket Coordinator*

Let's Get Real, Inc.

Kim Eberle, *Executive Director & Certified
Peer Recovery Supporter*

Melanie Williamson, *Executive Assistant*

Lorain County 9-1-1

Tracy Slagle, *Communications Supervisor*

Lorain County Drug Task Force

Don Barker, *Commander*

Lonnie Dillon, *Detective*

Lorain County Children Services

Anna Cacchione- *Supervisor*

Kristen Fox Berki, *Executive Director*

Deanna Wise, *Casework Supervisor*

Lorain County Free Clinic

Kathy Janda, *Program Director*

Lorain County Commissioners

Lori Kokoski, *President*

Sharon Sweda, *Vice President*

Lorain County Health and Dentistry

Stephanie Wiersma, *President and CEO*

Lorain County Community College

Jenn Judkins, *Strategic and Institutional
Development*

Pat Schrull, *Health and Wellness Sciences
Division*

Lorain County Jail

Melissa Fischer, *Assistant Jail Administrator*

Lorain County Office on Aging

Helene Stone, *Kinship Navigator*

Lorain County Coroner's Office

Dawn Quarick, *Administrative Assistant*

Lorain County Public Health (LCPH)

Mitch Dandurand, *Informatics Coordinator*

Natalie Karn, *Public Health Nurse*

Sarah Lehane, *Drug Overdose Prevention
Coordinator*

Pam Weiland, *Nursing Supervisor Project
DAWN coordinator*

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Medworks

Chitra Walker, *Outreach Coordinator*

Mental Health, Addiction and Advocacy Coalition

Karen Kearney, *Northeast Hub Director*

Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County (MHARS)

Elaine Georgas, *Interim Executive Director*

Jinx Mastney, *Opioid Response Outreach Coordinator*

Shakeer Mokerrom, *Americorps Vista Worker*

Sarah Reinhold, *First Response Project Manager*

Christine Robinson, *Director of Program Services*

Pam Waite, *Board of Directors, Vice Chair*

Mercy Health

Donna Sims, *Parish Nursing*

Catherine Woskobnick, *Director of Community Health*

Municipal Court

Thomas Elwell, *Judge, Lorain Municipal Court, Recovery Court*

Robert White, *Judge, Elyria Municipal Court, Recovery Court*

Nord Center

Rebecca Jones, *Director of Adult Services*

Don Schiffbauer, *CEO*

Nord Family Foundation

Fallon Peterson, *Program Officer*

Anthony Richardson, *Executive Director*

Nick Turner, *Program Officer*

Ohio Means Jobs

Mike Longo, *Workforce Development Director*

Police Chief Representative

Deana Baker, *Lieutenant, Elyria Police Dept.*

Tim Barfield, *Wellington Chief of Police*

Phil Stammitti, *Lorain County Sheriff*

Duane Whitley, *Elyria Chief of Police*

Road to Hope House

Jeff Kamms, *Executive Director and co-founder*

Silver Maple

Nicole Martin, *Executive Director*

United Way of Greater Lorain County

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Christine Matusik-Plas, *Community Impact
Director*

**University Hospitals Elyria Medical
Center**

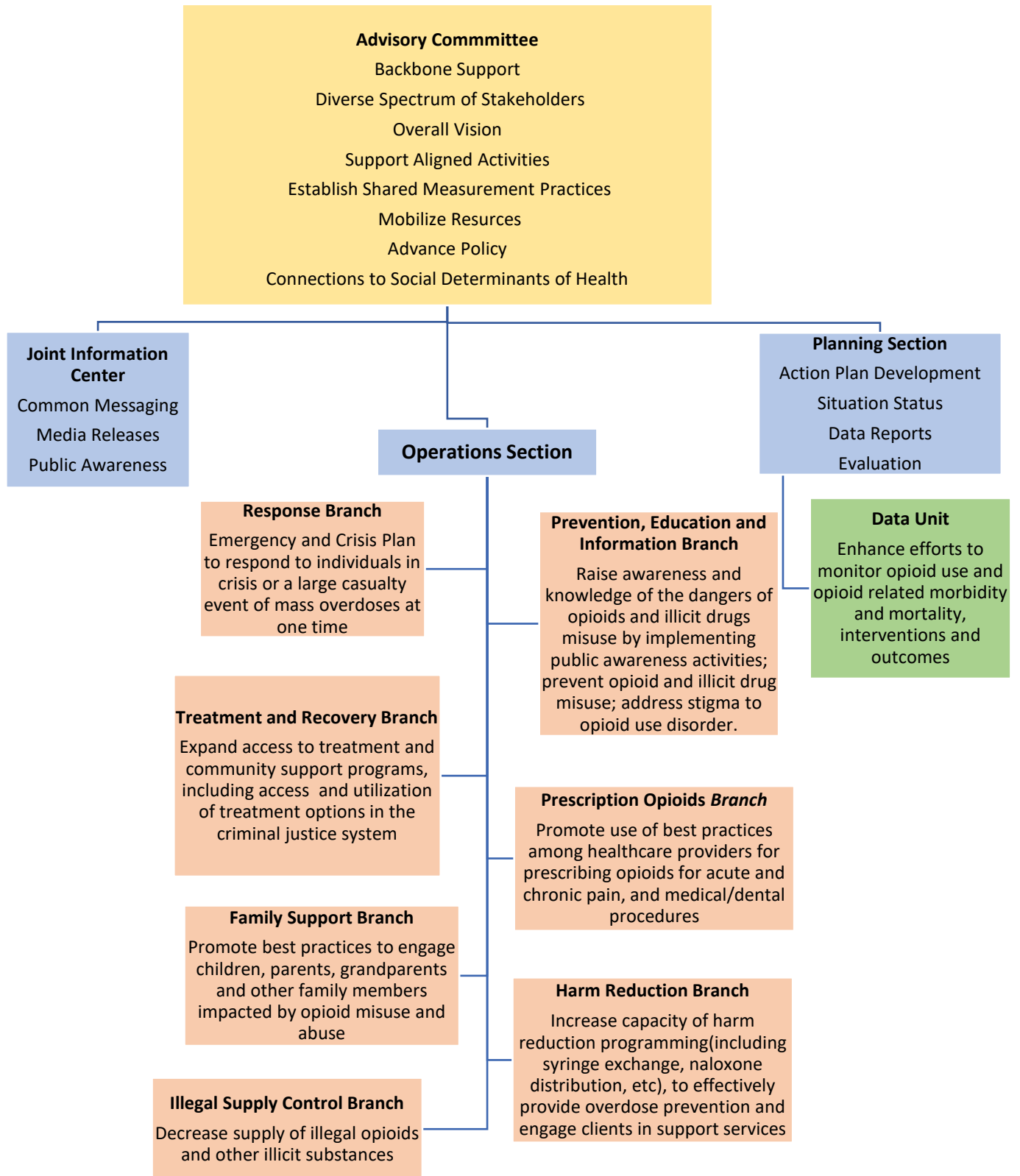
Paul Forthofer, *Community Outreach
Coordinator*

Don Halliday, *Director of Pharmacy*

Veteran's Service Board

Joe Gee, *Commissioner*

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Overdose Awareness Day

August 31, 2020

Wrap Up

Media: MHARS Facebook page and Web Site, Morning Journal Collage of pictures

Flags and Signs: 3,000 flags and 35 signs were distributed

Organizations: Avon PD, NORD Center, Primary Purpose, Wellington PD, LCCC, Marion L Steele High School, A Place 2 Recover, Elyria Public Library Keystone and W River N. Branches, CCF Avon, Firelands Counseling, LCADA Way The Key, Let's Get Real, Road to Hope Oberlin-Elyria and Vermilion Locations, LC Veterans Services, City of Lorain Mayors Office, LifeCare Elyria and Amherst Locations, Sheffield Community Center, LC Commissioners Office, Mercy Health Allen and Mercy Health Lorain, Mercy Cancer Center, Mercy- Wellington Primary Care, Mercy Bitar-Building, NORA, Lorain Public Library Avon, Columbia, North Ridgeville and South Lorain Branches Lorain County Public Health, MHARS Board

Individuals: Colonial Oaks Mobil Home Park.

Buildings Lit in Purple Lights: Elyria Court House, LCCC, Let's Get Real

Proclamation Received: Lorain County Commissioners

Other Community Support: Crushers Stadium Digital Sign, Local Faith Leaders Ringing Church Bells University Hospital's Digital Sign,

Overdose awareness day video with stories of recovery on mharslc.org/recovery

Young People in Recovery event at LGR- Candle light vigil

Information of efforts and local community resources on mharslc.org/recovery



Lorain County’s First Response Training Series (September 2020 – November 2020)

Topic/Presenter	Date	Time	Location	Credits
Crisis Intervention Presenter: Steven M. Click, First Responder Liaison Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services Office of Community Treatment Services	September 22 th 2020	9:00-1:00pm	Virtual GoToWebinar	Pending CEUs
Methadone, Another Tool in the Recovery Toolbox Presenter: Elyria Treatment Center	October 20, 2020	9:00-11:00am	Virtual GoToWebinar	Pending CEUs
Stigma and the New Bill of Rights for Persons with Substance Use Disorder Presenter: Sarah J Thompson Executive Director Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery	November 19, 2020	9:00—11:00am	Virtual GoToWebinar	Pending CEUs

All registrations must be done on GoToWebinar.com Each event will be posted for registration 30 days prior to live event. Search by title of event.

For more information about the training, contact: Jinx Mastney at 440-434-5711. Lorain County’s First Response trainings are supported through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: Award #SP 080284 First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement. The Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County is an approved Provider by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (#RCS —089903) and the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (#08-1517-07PVN).



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