

Coalition Meeting October 11, 2017 5pm

- Welcomes/introductions
- **Bonnie Nolan presentation on the Woodbridge Opioid Overdose Recovery Program**
 - Focuses on providing an intervention with follow through
 - Overdoses immediately after detox are highly likely and highly deadly so after care and recovery support is critical
 - The population most likely to overdose are between the ages of 26-44 and are largely uninsured
 - Most people who require help do not know where to go or who to call
 - Among stigma and, willingness to seek treatment and staff barriers, the main issue remained where to call and arming recovery specialists with proper resources to treatment
 - IMD exclusion: The Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion
 - Federal dollars were not allowed to be used for mental health facilities because of the poor reputation and poor treatment of patients
 - Because of the IMD exclusion, state-funded hospitals that now treat co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders cannot accept Medicaid
 - *“Prohibits the use of federal Medicaid financing for care provided to most patients in mental health and substance use disorder residential treatment facilities larger than 16 beds”*
 - There is also a gaping hole for recovery support, which is critical for maintaining long-term sobriety
 - Woodbridge offers alternative meetings on Wednesday and Sunday nights, using the senior center as a recovery center from 7-11pm
 - Aiming for 4 nights a week by the end of the year
 - Woodbridge Employment Recovery Program: recruit employers to hire those in recovery, and so far there has been more buy-in from local businesses
 - The recovery program is mostly grant-funded
- **Generation Found Screenings**
 - Screenings at Middlesex County College, Piscataway Library and Kean University so far
 - Upcoming screening at New Brunswick Library on November 14th from 6:30-8:30pm
- **Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day**
 - Was a success, passed out and put up doorknockers across schools (Perth Amboy Vo-Tech, Dunellen, Carteret, Edison, RU)
 - At Sayreville, East Brunswick and Old Bridge library
 - Every child in Old Bridge was sent home with their own doorknocker
- **October 28th was Medicine Take Back Day**

- **Red Ribbon Week**
 - Held tabling events at Perth Amboy Vo-Tech, Perth Amboy High School, Woodbridge Vo-Tech, JFK High School in Woodbridge, and South River High School
 - Dunellen SUDS group did a cross age training to 5th graders
- **Young Women's Conference**
 - Picking a date and location was discussed, possibly in February

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8th at 10am at Wellspring Center for Prevention