

The TRUST Partnership Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 3, 2023

A meeting of the TRUST partnership was held at Southern Eagle Distribution on February 3, 2023. 39 partners attended the meeting. Dawn Deen, Brantley County Family Connections Coordinator, presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. Trey Keen, Pastor at Whosoever Church, lead attendees in a prayer for those struggling with addiction.

Guest Speaker-

Trey Keen, Pastor of Whosoever Church, shared his personal story with addiction and recovery.

OD MAPPING-

Jason Lee, Investigator for Brantley County Sheriff's Office, gave a presentation about ODMAP. Jason stated that it is a "free" resource and can provide live updates on overdoses when reported immediately. Jason then displayed a map of Brantley County using ODMAP that showed 97 overdoses, 38 Narcan reversals, and 4 fatalities. Jason stated that it would be beneficial for other counties to use ODMAP too.

Bylaws, Memorandum of Understanding, Officer Positions and Committees-

Ambi Bess, Public Health Analyst and Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Manager for the South East Health District, shared information involving "Don't Run Call 911" and "Never Use Alone."

Gail Seifert, Coordinator of Ware Children's Initiative, introduced the TRUST bylaws to those attending. Gail stated that some revision still needed to be made but encouraged those in attendance to review the bylaws.

Gail also introduced a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the TRUST partnership. Ambi urged those in attendance to have the leaders of their organizations sign the MOU and return it to the TRUST partnership at the next meeting or by scanning through email.

Emily Allen, Grant Project Coordinator for the Southeast Health District, presented the new Workgroup Committees for the TRUST partnership and the chairs and co-chairs for each. The Committees include communications/speaker's bureau (Chair: Katie Hadden and Co-chair: Chandler McGee), law enforcement/first responders (Chair: Michelle Lee and CO-chair: Jason Lee), harm reduction (Chair: Jessica Burkhardt and Co-chair: Sarah Jumper), prevention education (Chair: Maggie Santana and Co-chair: Zina Ponsell) and a finance committee (Chair: Heather Peebles and Co-chair: Emily Allen). Emily stated that the goal of these groups is to help the coalition be more efficient with the work being done and assist with reporting. The partners in attendance were encouraged to look over the committees and identify one that best fit the work they do in their field. The group then divided into the committee groups to discuss the responsibilities for each committee.

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Brantley County Family Connections provided lunch.

Dawn Deen called the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.

Emily Allen, Grant Project Coordinator
Recording Secretary for Meeting 2/3/2023