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Addendum to Treatment & Services Committee minutes of 9/28/16

Hi, all!

About 16 people attended the Truth Pharm (Alexis') presentation yesterday. Here are the highlights:

It is illegal to inform people that they have to fail outpatient treatment prior to being able to become an inpatient. (Need for more inpatient programs exceeds demand.) FLACRA working on getting legislation regarding out patient treatment.

Mary from FLACRA (and Sue) spoke about the strides FLACRA has made in getting people treatment fast.

Other small communities that have adapted the PAARI model include: Scarborough, ME, Oxford, NY & Cooperstown, NY

Successful treatment needs to be at least 6 months in length. Better success rate if treatment period is a year and when addict receives treatment in communities away from home, where the person cannot return to old friends, habits and places (fresh start), has treatment in combination with meds like Vivitrol or Suboxone, and has peer recovery access. (Note FLACRA has this in place, which is a paid position for a certified coach. So far, very helpful.)

Alexis stressed the importance of getting local hospitals on board as an initial safe place (overnight stay covered by billing for mental health observation). Gives Angel team time to put treatment pieces in place.

Angel program is 4 hours long and can be done for 10-50 people. Cost: Cover travel expenses and make donation to Truth Pharm.

Other suggestions made by Alexis:

Make the community aware of changes (ex: police saved ___#___ of lives this week by administering Nalaxone. Were able to get ___#___ into treatment.)

Develop a card to be given to families/the community that gives contact info for organizations to help when discovery of addiction.

Get hospitals and treatment centers (Dick Van Dike in Ovid) as partners in saving lives

Conduct survey to get community's perception of the problem and willingness to be a helper.

Make a plan that includes commitment of law enforcement and medical community and anyone else involved.

Recognize that addicts are people with a disease (eliminate the stigma).

Respectfully submitted,

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