

Lucas County Substance Use Response Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Lucas County EMS Training Center, 2127 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43604

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order & Welcome- Tony Dible, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

1. Announcements & Introductions

- November meeting recap/follow up
 - i. LCSURC Membership Survey – Please complete if you have not done so already. [Direct Link](#)



- Coalition Google Drive
 - i. You will be added to Drive when member surveys are closed.
 - ii. Drive will be used to share contact info, resources, organize committees, etc.
- OneOhio Recovery Funding
 - i. Funding Inquiry Deadline: February 11th
 - ii. [Direct Link](#)

2. Coalition Committee Updates

Please note that this portion of the meeting will be dedicated to non-promotional updates. Consider action items that have taken place between meetings and relevant work to the coalition. Examples may include trends being seen, data updates, highlighting partnerships that have been active between meetings, gaps/concerns you have, etc. Time will be available at the end of the meeting for organizational updates.



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- **Steering Committee**

- i. Group guides the mission and activities of Coalition. Committee meets once per quarter of the month prior to full Coalition meetings. We set out to add 3 – 4 new members for 2026. Ultimately, due to a large applicant pool the steering committee chose to add 6 new members for 2026.

- ii. 2026 Members (**New**):

- Tony Dible (TLCHD)
- Lt. Steve Rogers (DART)
- Lt. Zak Reed (TFRD)
- Chelsea Diedrich (Arrowhead)
- Joe Wood (TLCHD)
- Elijah Jones (MHR SB)
- Jeff Streeter (UTMC)
- Tamara Robinson (Brightview)
- Nalix Otero (Believe Center)
- Matt Ward (Attain Behavioral Health)
- Kathy Crawford (Health Council of NWO)
- Angie King (NOSS)
- Amy Wobser (TASC of NWO)

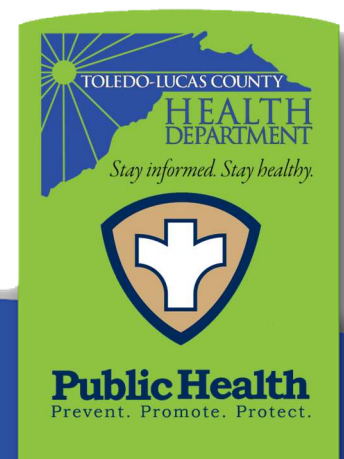
- **Public Safety Committee**

- i. DART 2025 Data

- Worked with 294 clients, had 1,819 community interactions
 - Directly connected 191 to treatment; Referred 58 to treatment; increase largely due to a greater DART presence in the jail.

- ii. Operation BRIDGE (Toledo 2026), DART

- Statewide initiation from Ohio Department of Public Safety. DART is bringing back the 2024 outreach event that links people directly to treatment.
 - Looking at new dates due to NAMI Walk on May 16th. Stay tuned.



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iii. Toledo Fire and Rescue - 2025 Overdose Run Data

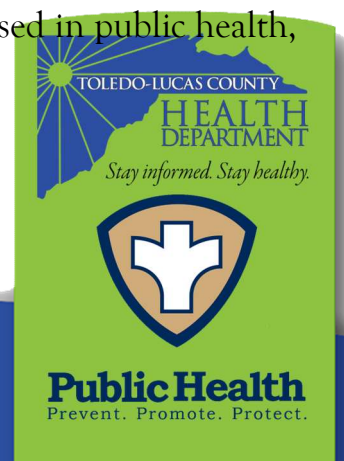
- Total Overdoses: 726
- Total Opiate Overdoses: 545
- Naloxone Administered: 1435 (2mg doses)
- Total Fatal ODs: 65 (12% of Opiate ODs)
- Highest Time of Day: 11pm (62)
- Day of Week: Sunday (120)
- Highest Month: April (79)
- # Leaving Against Medical Advice (AMA): 130
- 40% of AMA patients received a LIB Kit, 52 total.

• Public Health Committee

- i. Chalk the Walk – TLCHD is seeking sponsorships for 2026 event. Funding will provide mobile restrooms, items for kids / families, live entertainment, more.
- ii. Harm Reduction Expansion Funding
 - TLCHD recently received funding to partner with organizations throughout 19 counties in NW Ohio. Goal is to expand access to naloxone and testing strips to rural / minority communities. Could be partners for vending machines, jail outreach, rural outreach, etc.
 - Reach out to Mahj if interested - steffinm@co.lucas.oh.us.
- iii. Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)
 - OFR has not been funded for last 1.5 years; TLCHD is looking to bring this back.

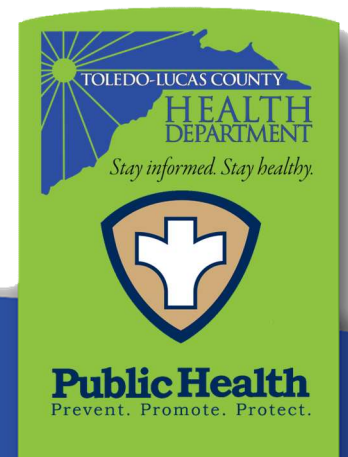
• Treatment & Recovery Committee

- i. Kratom
 - Synthetic and natural kratom is being heavily discussed in public health, treatment, and politics. What is everyone seeing?
 - U Toledo Recovery Services – Seeing some patients for kratom addiction. Some started using kratom to “help” with their chronic pain. They are not prescribing MAT. Most are using gas station synthetic compounds.



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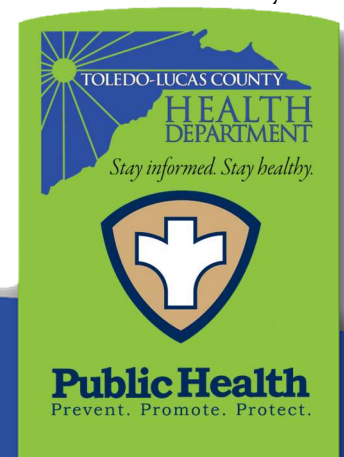
- Brightview – Seeing people where primary drug of choice is kratom, noting withdrawal is similar to opiate withdrawal. Treating some people with MAT for kratom.
- Village Recovery NHA – Has observed that for some, kratom withdrawal is worse than fentanyl withdrawal.
- Public Policy Notes:
 - a. City of Toledo voted in November '25 to ban local sale of synthetic kratom, allowing the sale of natural kratom.
 - b. Gov. DeWine signed emergency order in December '25 temporarily banning synthetic kratom for 180 days. Public comment period ended on January 28 ,2026, but future opportunities for public comment will open in future.
- Please send Coalition any resources you have / find on kratom to be shared in the Drive.
- **Healthcare Committee**
 - i. No Updates
- **Community Organization Committee**
 - i. Believe Center
 - Hosting Community Roundtable – 4th Tuesday of each month, 1:30 – 2:30pm. Focus is supporting old South End neighborhoods.
 - ii. Faith and Prevention Learning Event (April – Kent Branch Library, date TBD)
 - Prevention First is organizing a multi-faith prevention event in Toledo. Info will be shared with Coalition once finalized.
 - If interested in engaging with coalition’s multifaith efforts, reach out to Joe Wood, woodj@co.lucas.oh.us.



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3. Organizational Updates

- Councilmember Nick Komives - Toledo City Council
 - i. He appreciates hearing all the great work being done from the Coalition and each agency. He shared a kratom update (above) and informed that he would enjoy learning more from agencies on their work. He commented that he wants to ensure Opiate Settlement Funds received by the City are appropriated efficiently and strategically.
- Thrive Peer Support
 - i. Thrive is offering a paid 6-week internship for people in Lucas County. Will train to provide peer support, offering payment of \$15/16 per hour for a 6-week course starting in May.
 - ii. Flier attached in post meeting correspondence.
- U Toledo Recovery Services
 - i. Dr. Sing is very focused on building an adolescent SUD program this year.
 - ii. Now offering Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), a noninvasive, FDA approved, daily treatment for 6 – 8 weeks, being used to help with tobacco addiction, major depression disorder, PTSD, and OCD.
 - iii. PHP program is now up and running as part of their continuum of care.
 - iv. Most of their beds are full this week with alcohol use disorder.
- Racing for Recovery
 - i. Eager to collaborate and learn from the Coalition.
- Toledo Police
 - i. TPS schools potentially laying off school nurses, mentions there could be a need to train school staff on naloxone. Mentions that naloxone was recently used in an area HS on a student.



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Next Coalition Meeting:
May 6, 2026, 1:30pm
Location: Lucas County EMS Training Center



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