

Lucas County Substance Use Response Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2026
1:30 P.M.

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

Agenda:

Call to Order & Welcome- Joe Wood, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

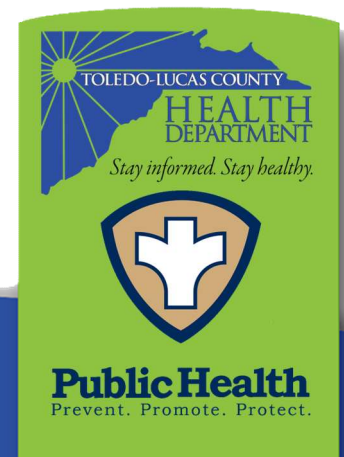
1. Announcements & Introductions

- February meeting recap/follow up.

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, etc. There will be time available at the end of the meeting for organizational updates!

- Steering Committee
 - i. Google Drive update.
 - Google drive is up and running as previously discussed.
 - Event fliers folder has been added.
 - Can reach out to Tony or Joe if you'd like to be added.
 - ii. Coalition feedback (QR code or paper).
 - Requesting members complete the survey to provide feedback for future initiatives and opportunities for growth.



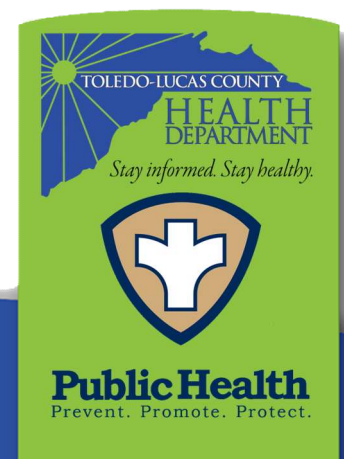
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- Public Safety
 - i. Operation BRIDGE recap.
 - Reviewed data from the event.
 - Discussed ways that the event could grow moving forward.
 - a. Strategic set up could include lumping together partner tables that meet similar needs.
 - b. Establish a greeter / point person that could guide individuals to different tables/services.
 - c. Continue to accept donations and expand offerings (socks, clothing, etc.)
 - ii. Trends, data, notable partnerships, etc.
 - Toledo Fire continues to see an overall lower number of overdose runs.
 - DOA's remain around the same though (12%).
 - Introduced DART's new peer (Krystin) and her role with the agency.
 - Steve received the First Responder of the year award from the MHRSB.
- Public Health
 - i. Medetomidine
 - Discussion from Health department covering the rise in medetomidine. Medetomidine is a powerful veterinary anesthetic used for sedation, is 100-200x more potent than Xylazine.
 - Covered withdrawal information and medical guidance that has been shared recently out of Philadelphia / CDC alert.
 - Fact/information sheets added to LCSURC Google Drive Medetomidine folder.
 - ii. Chalk The Walk
 - Thursday, August 20th - Promenade Park.
 - Flier attached and vendor registration form to be sent soon.



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- iii. Testing strips
 - SAMSHA funding no longer covers testing strips.
 - Could see an impact in the state as many test strips are obtained through this funding.
 - Test strips remain decriminalized and legal in Ohio and use remains highly encouraged.
- iv. Leave Behind Naloxone
 - TLCHD presented at the monthly fire chiefs' meeting to discuss Leave Behind and the opportunity to expand to new jurisdictions.
- v. RL26
 - Reminder that Tony can connect you with other coalitions and stakeholders in the Northwest Ohio area if you work for an agency that would like more connections in the region.
- Treatment, Recovery, Providers
 - i. Trends, data, notable partnerships, etc.
 - Treatment committee met to discuss reaching populations and neighborhoods in need. Seeking feedback from members through the QR code/survey.
 - Donna – STI testing / trends down. Likely a result of Medicaid changes.
 - Impacts of Medicaid changes – group agreed this is a big unknown as we move forward. Can reach out to Michael Pidsosny with JFS with questions (Michael.pidsosny@jfs.ohio.gov).
 - David Nalls has a monthly newsletter – covers recovery and related resources. Has been added to google drive resources folder.
 - Community Organizations
 - i. No notable trends/data/partnerships to share at this time.



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3. Organizational Updates

- Jean Dress (UTMC) – NAMI Walk is May 16th, seeking sponsors and partners. Will take place at the Glass City Metropark.
- NOSS will take donations at any time (clothing, especially socks, old shoes, etc.).
- Nalix Otero (Believe Center) – Outreach table at upcoming car show on May 24th - seeking partners to attend and share resources.
- Harbor Walk for Hope (July 18th, 10 -1 at the Ribbon).
- Nikki – Walk for Lives (July 11th at Middlegrounds – open to public) flier attached.
- Abbi Bellas (Mercy – Mother Child Dependency Program and New Beginnings) – taking pregnant women who struggle with substance use and connect them with resources needed (follow through pregnancy and four months postpartum).

Next Coalition Meeting:
August 5, 2026, 1:30pm
Location: Lucas County EMS Training Center



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