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CRC ADDRESSES HEROIN EPIDEMIC WITH QUICK RESPONSE TEAM

When emergency responders treat a heroin overdose, they typically use Narcan, an opiate antidote, to revive the user. Unfortunately most individuals refuse subsequent treatment options, meaning that the cycle of addiction continues.

Recognizing this futility, Clermont Recovery Center has formed a Quick Response Team, a passionate group of peer outreach and recovery workers working with police, first responders and the local hospital to steer more active users into treatment.

The QRT is part of our larger Outreach Team that was implemented in July 2016, utilizing Peer Recovery Coaches as the core support service. A grant by Interact for Health, awarded to the Clermont Mental Health and Recovery Services Board January 2017, helped get the ball rolling by funding a full-time team member to the QRT effort.

Now, if after being revived from overdose the individual is transported to Clermont Mercy Hospital, its personnel coordinates with the Quick Response team to arrange assessment and treatment connection while at the hospital or immediately upon release.

If the individual refuses hospital treatment, he or she is given a resource information packet and a release form to sign, which allows follow up. CRC’s Quick Response team may then call on them at home, usually within the next three days—continuing until they are either told to stop or convince the individual to accept treatment.

The QRT home visits include two team members and Lt. Matt Terrell, a medic with Union Township EMS. They arrive in an official vehicle so there is no confusion about the reason for the visit. Treatment as well as other life assistance is offered.

“We’ve been planning for months, working with Union Township and the board to fill this needed gap in services. We’re ready to get started,” says CRC Director of Addiction Services Gregg Pieples of the team’s efforts.
GCB won second place in the first-ever Cincinnati Magazine-Cincinnati Gives Challenge, earning $6,000 in prize money. The region-wide event, sponsored by The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Jeff Ruby Restaurants, was an opportunity for more than 100 local charities to compete for prizes and enjoy community exposure for their causes. The Challenge, which took place during GCB's Annual Fund Drive, was used to enhance its theme #TakeaStandforMentalIllness, which was promoted in the campaign mailing. GCB staff members and supporters came together for the effort, forming “teams” to raise $40,666 through friends, family and even bake sales using the crowdfunding website CrowdRise. The month-long event started on Giving Tuesday and went until December 27, offering “mini-challenges” for additional prizes along the way; GCB won $1,500 additional dollars from the mini contests.
ADVANCE PRACTICES NURSES MEET GROWING NEED FOR SERVICES

Over the past two years, GCB has hired nine psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses, or APNs, all of whom have prescriptive privileges and work collaboratively with Dr. Tracey Skale and the GCB team of psychiatrists. Together this group provides much-needed services for GCB’s growing number of consumers.

“Clients at GCB are receiving exceptional care with these compassionate, skilled clinicians,” says Dr. Skale of the group. “By increasing the number of providers, we are well-equipped to serve our clients at Madison, Amelia and the First Break Psychosis team at our North office.”

This service model also offers greater flexibility for emergency visits and daily new assessments. “I am now seeing assessments of individuals who were just connected to GCB a short time before,” says Dr. Skale. “and we are able to connect people with service directly as they leave the hospital, which is vital for continuity of care.”

PATHWAY TO PEACE DONATES $30,000

Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services was presented with a check for $30,000 by The Pathway to Peace Foundation to support its services. The money was raised throughout the year by a series of fundraisers including a Kentucky Derby Day-themed event at Pebble Creek Country Club and a 5K “Walk with Patty & Jess”. The foundation was created by the family of Patricia and Jessica Lutz, who were tragically hit and killed by a vehicle in October 2014 while walking near their home in Colerain Township. Family and friends felt the need to make something positive come of the tragedy and chose GCB as beneficiary because of the women’s deep understanding of the struggles that accompany depression, anxiety and other mental health challenges.

“We are truly honored to be chosen by Pathway to Peace as the beneficiary of their fundraising efforts,” said Jeff Kirschner, Executive Vice President for Mental Health Services at GCB. “The clients that GCB serves often face tremendous personal hardship and are some of the poorest members of our community. Winter and the holiday season often magnify these challenges. It is so important for them and our staff to know that there are members of the community who stand up for mental health and are willing to share so generously of their time and talents.”

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