



GALLIA COUNTY CITIZENS FOR PREVENTION AND RECOVERY

COMMUNITY CONTEXT: Gallia County Citizens for Prevention and Recovery (Gallia CPR) establishes and supports efforts in Gallia County which consists of a melting pot of culture and diversity. Gallia County has the need of improved economy as evidenced by increasing poverty level. Large chains of department stores and restaurants in the county do not contribute to the success of small businesses. The social norms of Gallia County include involvement in faith-based activities and the close-knit approach of the community.

LEAD AGENCY OR CONVENER GROUP

Locating the history of Gallia CPR was a difficult task to complete due to limited historians available. Gallia CPR was founded in 2014 based on limited history available. Currently, the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs ADAMHS Board serves as the convening agency.

COALITION MEMBERSHIP

Gallia CPR has representatives from the 12 sectors, membership is open to all community members, and meetings are made available to the public. A range of 5-12 members consistently attend meetings and are able to voice their views. Gallia CPR has no current functions or events. The coalition has involvement from youth, community members, and professionals currently.

OPERATIONS AND PROCESSES

The benefits of participating in Gallia CPR include job opportunities and networking, participation in events conducted by the coalition. Information of Gallia CPR can be found on social media, media articles, brochures, and community conversations. Engagement has seen a sharper decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Member engagement is measured by attendance, involvement in coalition efforts, and community outreach.

LEADERSHIP AND STAFFING

Gallia CPR leadership is based upon a steering committee of two co-chairs, secretary, and treasurer. The leadership team has been in place since the coalition was founded. The steering committee coordinates efforts for the coalition.

STRUCTURES

Gallia CPR has no formal guidance in place to inform of coalition work other than monthly meetings. Gallia CPR has established by-laws and is not 501(c) 3. The mission of Gallia CPR is to be Gallia County's first response to substance abuse, treatment and recovery. The vision is to have a community free from the threat of drug abuse and addiction.

POOLED RESOURCES

Gallia CPR currently focuses prevention efforts on youth and the community members in general. Gallia CPR has received grants for funding including the current Community Coalition Action Theory (CCAT) progress.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Gallia CPR does not have any member recruitment or onboarding processes. The mission and vision of Gallia CPR is not readily known by members which can negatively affect member identification, buy-in, and commitment. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and contribute based on their skill sets and desired level of involvement. There are currently no efforts to support or empower members.

ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING

Gallia CPR does not currently have a strategic plan in place due to limited leadership capacity. Data is not consistently being used for assessment and planning in the coalition. In order to assess the needs of Gallia County, a community needs assessment needs to be conducted.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES

Gallia CPR is currently not using strategy implementation.

COMMUNITY CHANGE OUTCOMES

Gallia CPR through the suicide awareness committee seeks to address local suicide rates, stigma, resource availability, and education. Short term outcomes include offering suicide prevention trainings, offering grief resources to families of suicide loss, and recruitment for committee membership. Long term outcomes include development of a strategic plan, effective data collection and analysis, and formation of a LOSS (Local Outreach for Suicide Survivors) team.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY

Gallia CPR has created a network between mental health agencies, medication assisted treatment (MAT) agencies, healthcare agencies, faith based organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, educational institutions, and concerned citizens. Community engagement has increased due to coalition efforts over the past several years but saw a decline due to the impact of COVID-19. Community leadership has become increasingly aware of and receptive to issues and possible outcomes. Community connectedness has increased through collaboration of the various sectors involved.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL OUTCOMES

The suicide prevention efforts guided by the suicide awareness committee anticipate inclusion of minority and population groups, increased suicide prevention trainings, and more engagement from stakeholder groups.

FORMATION

MAINTENANCE

INSTITUTIONALIZATION

SYNERGY

Community Coalition Action Theory- Shorter Narrative
Gallia County Citizens for Prevention and Recovery
Gallia County, Ohio

Community Context

Gallia County Citizens for Prevention and Recovery (Gallia CPR) establishes and supports efforts in Gallia County, which consists of a melting pot of culture and diversity. Gallia County needs an improved economy but remains steadfast in pushing through the challenging economic times. Small businesses stay as the heartbeat of the county and closely connect to the residents. The social norms of Gallia County include involvement in faith-based activities and the close-knit approach of the community. Identifying with the community under the theme of “Working together...bringing healing, bringing hope.”

Lead Agency or Convener Group

Gallia CPR was founded in 2014 by a group of individuals dedicated to seeing the county grow both socially and economically. Currently, the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board serves as the fiscal agent and provides administrative support.

Coalition Membership

Gallia CPR has members representing some of the 12 sectors and has ambitions to include more community businesses and members to drive community change. Membership is open to all community members, and meetings are made available to the public. A range of 5-12 members consistently attend meetings and can voice their views. Gallia CPR has involvement in many community events, fairs, festivals, parades, community prevention days, school activities, Hidden in Plain Sight community education presentations, forums, and drug take-back days. The coalition currently has participation from youth, community members, and professionals.

Coalition Operations and Processes

The benefits of participating in Gallia CPR include networking and participation in events conducted by the coalition. The community can find information about the coalition on social media, media articles, brochures, and community conversations. The climate of Gallia CPR meetings has been strained due to COVID-19 restrictions, opting to meet virtually via Zoom when facilities are not accessible. However, it is always taking on new members and being active in the community. Member engagement measures are through meeting attendance, involvement in coalition efforts, and local outreach. The general meeting takes place on the second Monday once a month, with the sub-committees meeting at other dates/times in the month.

Leadership and Staffing

Gallia CPR leadership identifies as the Executive Committee consisting of elected officers: chairperson, co-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer. The executive committee coordinates efforts for the coalition and keeps things moving in the right direction. Nominated members chair sub-committees. Current sub-committees are suicide awareness, human trafficking collaborative, youth-led coalition, tobacco use with behavioral health disorder workgroup, and prescription drug awareness.

Structures

Gallia CPR has monthly meetings and outreach on different media platforms to keep ideas and membership organized and informed. Gallia CPR has established by-laws and is considering the possibility of 501(c) 3 status in the future. The mission of Gallia CPR is to be Gallia County's first

response to preventing, addressing, and intervening in "paths of despair" such as addiction/substance abuse, suicide, violence, and human trafficking. The vision of Gallia CPR is that we have a community free from the threat of harmful attitudes, choices, and lifestyles that diminish the individual's ability to live a whole and healthy life.

Pooled Resources

Gallia CPR currently focuses prevention efforts on youth and community members in general. Gallia CPR has received funding grants: Strengthening Youth Leadership in Prevention, Tobacco Workgroup for Individuals with Behavioral Health Disorders, private community donations, and SPF-PFS 19 grant funding for the current Community Coalition Action Theory (CCAT) Study Group.

Member Engagement

Gallia CPR looks for prospective members in the local community. They are brought up to date by current membership and meetings. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and contribute based on their skill sets and desired level of involvement. The membership is motivated and empowered by community forums hosted by the coalition, newspaper articles, and community engagement events. Before COVID-19, meetings were hosted by Holzer Hospital.

Assessment and Planning

Before COVID-19, the coalition actively collected data and based community needs on the health department's community health improvement plan (CHIP) and school surveys. Previously community needs assessments were applied and are currently in a plan to update to best align efforts due to the changing climate of COVID-19. Membership and coalition assessments will be planned for implementation in 2022 with the new calendar period.

Synergy

Synergy occurs through the combination of pooled resources, member engagement as well as assessment and planning. Gallia CPR has created a network between mental health agencies, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) agencies, healthcare agencies, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, and concerned citizens.

Implementation of Strategies

Past strategies implemented committee work, with actions aligned in response to committee member interests. Gallia CPR is currently brainstorming and having discussions among the members to develop a strategic plan under the SPF model further to develop coalition capacity, training, and communication.

Community Change Outcomes

Gallia CPR has developed information brochures on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, human trafficking awareness materials, local resources, QPR training, virtual human trafficking awareness series, grief resources for families of suicide loss. Long-term outcomes include the development of a strategic plan, effective data collection and analysis, and formation of independent coalitions for human trafficking, suicide awareness, youth coalition.

Health and Social Outcomes

CPR actively promotes prevention efforts through informative Facebook posts, news articles, brochure distribution, allowing community members to connect to resources. Over the past year, drug take-back events have removed unused/expired prescriptions, distributed Deterra drug disposal bags, and

pamphlets on how to dispose of medication properly in the county. Increased engagement with the community through the Carnival of Hope and Walk of Remembrance enabled resource connection and support.

Community Capacity

Community engagement and capacity traditionally increased due to physical attendance and promotion of coalition efforts. However, the coalition has seen a slight decline due to the impact of COVID-19. Community leadership has become increasingly aware of and receptive to issues and possible outcomes. Gallia CPR continuously works toward stakeholder recruitment to increase capacity. Gallia CPR plans to address community capacity building through increased availability of resources, membership engagement events, professional development, and coalition training.