

Colerain administrator honored for work against heroin

The Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board selected Dan Meloy for its 2017 Leadership Award. Newtown Police Chief Tom Synan presented the award at the board's annual luncheon June 2.

Meloy was recognized for his leadership in implementing Colerain's Quick Response Team, a model that has been and continues to be replicated regionally and nationally.

The QRT started as a firefighter/paramedic paired with a police officer to offer drug intervention as an alternative to patients with drug addiction. The township expanded that team to add trained counselors from Addiction Services Council Cincinnati.

The Addiction Services Council Cincinnati is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides professional resources on alcohol, tobacco and drug-related issues.

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"Dan's work and the entire team's work to save lives and make a difference in the lives of others should be celebrated," Colerain Township Trustee Michael Inderhees said.



Earlier this year, Meloy was honored by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration with the group's innovation award for the QRT.

Colerain Township also received the Cincinnati Government Cooperation Award for its work with the Quick Response Team Project.

Colerain Fire Capt. Will Mueller, in charge of emergency medical services operations, says as of April 30, there were 310 follow-ups since 2015 when the QRT program started, and of those, 250 were face-to-face contacts with the person who overdosed. Of those, 205, or 82 percent, went into a recovery program.