



## Broome Opioid Awareness Council & Drug Free Communities

January 5, 2018 | 10 a.m. - Noon  
Conference Rooms B & C • Broome County Health Department

- Present:** Diane Brown, Eunice Champlin, Megan D’Introno, Maria Fabrizi, Matthew Gawors, Jim Hawley, Stephania Hazelett, JJ Hefley, Rebecca Kaufman, Laurie Keller, Jill Lloyd, Mary McFadden, Erin Monroe, Jim Mullins, Michele Napolitano, Kate Newcomb, Kimberly Newell, Michael Ponticiello, Dr. Christopher Ryan, Raymond Serowik, Jeffrey Wagner, Susan Wheeler, Lorraine Wilmot
- Absent:** Katelyn Albright, Jill Alford-Hammitt, Scott Baker, Lisa Bobby, Iris Borilla, Theresa Bovier, Megan Brackett, Valerie Datta, Rich David, Jason Garnar, John Gartman, Andrea Guccia, David Harder, Dr. Julia Hunter, Erika Kalgren, Saima Khan, Amber Kida, Carole Kuklis, Reginald (Corkey) LaBare, Lee Livermore, Donna Lupardo, Haley McCrory, Kevin McManus, Dennis O’Keefe, Carmela Pirich, Dr. Peter Ronan, Penny Stringfield, Eric Velzis, Colleen Wagner, Chris Whalen, Nancy Williams-Frank, Alan Wilmarth, Katie Young, Dr. John Zevan

**Call to Order:** Rebecca Kaufman, Director of Public Health, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made. Upon a motion by Jill Lloyd, seconded by Diane Brown, the December 1, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented and placed on file.

### **DFC December Activities:**

- Prevention night with the Binghamton Devils was held on December 9 with Section 8 designated as alcohol free. Tobacco Free Broome and Tioga and Lourdes Youth Services were there to offer information about tobacco and alcohol use and how to talk to kids on these topics. A photo booth and plinko game were well received by youth and parents reported that the event led to good conversations with their children. There are some pictures on BOAC’s Facebook page.
- DFC staff worked with the Windsor School District to implement a social norms misconception campaign. Students were surveyed in the Fall about alcohol and marijuana use. Seventy-five percent of students said they had not used anything at all and 92% thought their peers had. Maria presented on social norms to art classes as requested by the district. The students are working on a campaign for their district about the misconceptions. Students will be resurveyed in the Spring to see if their perceptions change because of the campaign.
- Maria Fabrizi, Erin Monroe, and Promise Zone staff are collaborating to conduct a community assessment of the alcohol climate in Binghamton. Binghamton University received a grant from OASAS to develop a coalition for alcohol and substance abuse prevention in the student population.
- Additional questions will be added for the next Prevention Needs Assessment and Maria asked for input. Questions to be added include: homelessness (as homeless youth are at a greater risk of using substances); human trafficking (The Crime Victims Assistance Center will be asked for input); and food insecurity. Let Maria know if you have other suggestions. Maria will meet with the Binghamton School Superintendent about participating in the Prevention Needs Assessment next Fall.

**BOAC Name Change:** Rebecca Kaufman called for a vote on whether members wanted to change the name of the group to Broome Opioid Awareness Council as has been discussed in the past. The majority voted in favor.

**Binghamton University OASAS Grant:** Erin Monroe, BU College Prevention Coordinator, discussed this grant to reduce substance use among students. Part of the grant requirements are to establish a Coalition (Binghamton Campus-Community Coalition: A Partnership to Reduce Substance Use Among Students) to work on the issue of underage drinking on college campuses. Stephanie Hazelett from the Prevention Resource Center is working with Erin as well as other college coordinators across the region. This is a five-year grant of \$125,000 per year. The goal of the grant is to achieve an overall decrease in problems related to alcohol and drug use, such as academic difficulties, alcohol overdoses and injuries, and assaults. Objectives are to reduce alcohol and drug access and availability on the campus and in the surrounding community; to change attitudes and norms that support college underage drinking and drug use, including prescription drug misuse; and to provide screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment services for college students. Erin will coordinate with college medical services to implement services on campus.

The purpose of the Coalition is to reduce high-risk substance use by Binghamton University students by leveraging the collective resources of its partners to positively impact the health outcomes of the student population and community. The Coalition will consist of campus and community groups. Campus: Student Conduct; University Police; Counseling Center; Fraternity and Sorority Life; Athletics; Transportation Services; Students; and Parents. Community: County Executive's Office; Binghamton Mayor's Office; Binghamton Police; Treatment Providers; Health Department; Bar/Business Owners; and High School Parents. Other suggestions were to add someone from the Faith Community, SUNY Broome, Johnson City Police, Landlords, and Media.

They will begin with a comprehensive needs assessment and look at all the factors that go into making changes in environmental policies and enforcement using OASAS and SAMSA evidence-based strategies. They will hold focus groups and key informant interviews. They will discuss social host laws, an anonymous tip line to notify law enforcement, as well as encouraging landlords to include something in their leases that the properties will be substance-free. There is limited substance free housing on campus.

Erin posed a question. What is the biggest change we can make as a community to make changes in underage drinking? Some responses were to make purchasing alcohol more expensive and make students pay fines/sanctions and for services if they get are caught drinking. Provide additional suggestions to Erin.

**NYSODH/UHS Buprenorphine Waiver Training:** Drs. Hunter and Ronan provided buprenorphine waiver training at the Health Department on December 9 and twelve participants were trained. Drs. Hunter and Ronan are available for technical assistance and support following the training. Another training will be provided in the Spring. Sullivan, Onondaga and Erie Counties will also provide this training.

#### **Committee Education Committee:**

- The committee did not meet during December.
- Lourdes Youth Services staff provided training at Windsor and Whitney Point School Districts on an intervention program that targets kids at risk and provides strategies to make positive changes as a targeted approach to prevention. Additional training/workshops will be held in January/February. More information will follow.
- A couple of school districts are interested in sports injury forums and heroin awareness nights.
- Naloxone training is scheduled monthly at Lourdes Youth Services; the next training is on February 6, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Register at [www.LOURDES.com/overdoseprevention](http://www.LOURDES.com/overdoseprevention) or (607) 584-3114. The AIDS Institute recommends refresher training every two years; however, people can go to STAP anytime for refresher training.
- Lourdes Youth Services is expanding their student assistance counseling services to the Chenango Valley and Union Endicott school districts.

**Law Enforcement Committee:**

- There were 109 calls for services during 2017 for the Sheriff's Assisted Recovery Initiative (18 in October, 11 in November and 7 in December). There were 100 calls in 2016; the program began in March 2016.

**Treatment and Prevention Committee:**

- The Professional Advisory Group met yesterday.
- Detox is being provided at the Addiction Stabilization Center.
- The Fairview Recovery Center is open Monday–Friday, 8:00–4:00 with some evening hours. There are a lot of resources available to individuals and families for support. There is a calendar on their website. They are providing Suboxone for opiate withdrawal management.
- Kip Kettle at UHS advised that there is a waiting list for daily dosing of Suboxone but people can be admitted within 24 hours.
- John Barry reported on harm reduction and what is going on in Ithaca where they have 73 people on Suboxone. They continue to explore the safe injection site model. John Barry will begin attending BOAC meetings.
- Free cultural competency training hosted by Broome County Drug Court is being held Wednesday, January 10, 9:00-4:00 on the 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Office Building.
- Syracuse Behavioral Health is conducting interviews to hire staff and renovating the Broome Developmental Center with an anticipated opening in early Spring to offer withdrawal and stabilization services to provide the continuum of care that patients need. They will have Memorandums of Understanding with agencies providing services for recovery.
- There will be a pain and pain management training on January 24, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Broome County Library.

**Data and Statistics Committee:** The committee will have more to report at the next meeting.

**Professional Education Committee:** Planning efforts are underway for a pre-hospital toxicology meeting this spring with toxicologists from the Poison Control Center.

**Membership Committee:** The committee has not met.

**Media/Advocacy Committee:** The committee has not met.

- The NYS Department of Health identified two of the four CDC videos that they will use for the campaign to build prescription awareness. Mary McFadden will send out the videos. The state has decided not to use paid television advertising; they will only use social media. The state will provide us with their media plan.

**Rural Committee:** The committee did not meet in December.

**Strategic Planning Activity:** Earl Greene from the Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center was unable to attend today's meeting. He will provide training at the February meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next BOAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the Broome County Health Department in conference rooms B and C. Erin Monroe will report on grant progress at each meeting. NYS Department of Health representatives will be present at this meeting as part of the new grant for prescription awareness.