

BROOME OPIOID ABUSE COUNCIL

April 1, 2016

Present: Teri Ann Montoya (for Jill Alford-Hammitt), Sean Britton, Diane Brown, Carole Cassidy, Katie Cusano, Claudia Edwards, Arthur Johnson, Kate Newcomb, Kimberly Newell, Gabe Osterhout, Debra Preston, Dr. Christopher Ryan, Raymond Serowik, Susan Wheeler, Lorraine Wilmot

Absent: Jill Alford-Hammitt, Tina Barber, John Bernardo, Allen Buyck, Stephen Cornwell, David Harder, Alan Hertel, Lee Livermore, Jerry Marinich, Dennis O'Keefe, Dr. Peter Ronan

Guests: Carole Kuklis (Dual Recovery Coordinator-Broome County Mental Health), Andrea Mazzini (Associate Director of Community Solutions for New York State, Adapt pharma) Tom Morellino (OPRAD Contractor), Kim Myers (Broome County Legislator)

Announcements:

- The County Executive thanked everyone for their efforts in development of the Sheriff Assisted Recovery Initiative.
- Claudia Edwards will retire at the end of the month and Sean Britton will be the new Public Health Director.
- There was discussion about a BOAC planning retreat to review what the Council has accomplished and to develop goals and objectives to plan for the future. It was decided that it would be a full-day retreat; Karel Kurst-Swanger will be asked to facilitate. One item for discussion at the retreat will be an invitation to elected officials to attend a BOAC meeting to inform them of accomplishments and plans.
- Carole Cassidy will present on BOAC to the Family Violence Prevention Council on April 8th and the Binghamton Sertoma Club in May.
- Referrals continue to come into the Drug Court and the DWI Program is progressing. The Drug Court graduation is scheduled for May 24th.
- Andrea Mazzini previously worked at UHS and Fairview Halfway House and developed the first Suboxone Program with Dr. Ronan. She is now working with physicians in New York and Vermont to try a new Naloxone nasal spray.

Community Education Committee:

- Jill was not able to attend this meeting and updates will be provided at the May meeting.

Law Enforcement Committee:

- Several phone calls came in during the first few days after the press conference to announce the Sheriff Assisted Recovery Initiative, mostly from parents asking for additional information. There were calls from Tioga County – the program was not marketed to other counties; however, out of county residents will not be turned away.

Treatment and Prevention Committee:

- The OASAS dashboard has a series of videos on different aspects of treatment – the link to these videos will be put on the county website. We will receive \$250,000 from OASAS -- \$100,000 is earmarked for the Family Navigator and \$150,000 for Peer Advocates. Two RFP's have been sent out to the community and are due April 16th to put this in place.
- John Barry attended the last committee meeting and discussed Ithaca's plan. There are a lot of proposals in addition to the safe injection site. The STAP website provides a link to that program.

- Four school districts are working with the Lourdes Hospital Substance Abuse Program on underage drinking. Team Intervene is going strong with many activities with schools. The Promise Zone is in seven schools. There is a satellite mental health clinic in the Windsor schools through the Family and Children's Society and they are looking to expand that in other rural areas. Whitney Point will be next.
- Katie is working on the Mental Hygiene Local Services Plan which is due in June.
- The Drug Free Communities Grant was submitted; notification of award is expected in August.
- Katie's team has written four grant applications in the past year.
- Art Johnson will provide a table with 2015 treatment statistics at the next BOAC meeting. ACBC will open a satellite clinic at the Wyoming Children's Home.

Education of Medical Professionals Committee:

- A grant from the Community Foundation of SCNY is funding the OPRAD (Opioid Prescription Reduction for Academic Detailing) Initiative and Tom Morellino was hired to provide the academic detailing. Tom knows most of the doctors in this county through his work with Eli Lilly for 29 years. Using the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, Drs. Ryan, Hastings and Ronan developed the messages for Tom to use during the three visits to provider offices during the year. During visits he would discuss how to handle chronic pain in an optimal way to judiciously prescribe opioids in small quantities with frequent visits; how to handle prescribing of opioids to a new patient to the practice who is already on chronic opioids for pain; and starting a patient on chronic opioids for the first time. Both hospitals have discussed protocols. 7,000 people per day abuse opioids for the first time. ISTOP has had an impact but more needs to be done.
- Narcan administration training was completed for 100+ Correction Officers at the Broome County Correctional Facility. An issue has arisen with some Police Officers not being willing to compel an individual to go to the hospital after their overdose has been reversed with Naloxone. New York State Mental Hygiene Law, Section 22.09 provides the authority in this situation regarding persons intoxicated, impaired or incapacitated by alcohol or other substances. One of the concerns regarding an individual who is revived by Naloxone is the serious risk of a subsequent use to relieve the symptoms of withdrawal triggering another overdose. EMS wants to be seen as a source of help so people will continue to call for help when someone is overdosing. Ray anticipates further discussions with the area police chiefs.
- The Port Dickinson Police Chief has agreed to participate in the Naloxone program.

A person in recovery from her addiction presented to the Council to share her experiences.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2016 in Conference Room A at the Broome County Health Department.