



**BOAC Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2021 10AM – 11AM**  
**ZOOM**

**Present:** Tina Survilla, Marissa Knapp, Mike Korchak, Lynne Equivale, Courtney Cashman, Erica Robinson, Amanda Lewis, Monica Hammer, Jim Hawley, Allen Wilmarth, Alexis Pleus, Dave Bidwell, Megan Wise, Chris Scott

Introductions were made and the meeting was brought to order by Marissa Knapp.

**UPDATES:**

**BCHD – Marissa Knapp**

- Marissa shared during the months of February and March there was a spike in fatal and non-fatal overdoses.
- The public service announcement continues to air about the overdoses and inform the community of where they can get Narcan training. The announcement is also reminding people to check the expiration date of their Narcan, and many are calling to replace their expiring Narcan kits.
- BOAC is awarding 4 mini grants at \$10,000 for each project, there is a 3-week turnaround time, Monica will check into the restrictions of how the application must be turned in. All work projects must be completed by August 31, 2021.
- Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 10-2PM the BCHD along with Prevention Coalition, BC Safe will be hosting DEA drug take back day. If you would like to table, contact Marissa. Those concerned with social distancing a drive by options will be available. Detera Bags will also be given out, along with lock boxes.

**TruthPharm - Alexis Pleus**

- Alexis informed us they have seen an increase in Narcan training.
- TruthPharm is looking for women to become harm reduction truth facilitators.
- The Clearing the Confusion program has just been completed.
- Motivation interviewing training coming up, details will be available on TruthPharms website.

**HIITA- Jim Hawley**

- Jim updated the “Handle with Care” has officially kicked off. This initiative will support, children that have experienced a traumatic event the school will follow up with the children.
- Jim will meet with Maria and Heidi about including more agencies with grant opportunities.



#### **Probation – Terry Carry**

- Terry informed us Probation will back in the office Monday, April 5, 2021.

#### **ACBC - Chris and Amanda**

- Chris informed us they are continuing to do ride-along with the police.
- Amanda continues with Narcan training.
- ACBC has opened a clinic in Chenango County.
- ACBC continues to work on getting the second-tier syringe exchange started.

#### **Eric Robinson – Helio Health**

- Helio has detox beds available.
- Inpatient rehab is full currently, and they are accepting referrals.
- Helio has restarted MARA a virtual peer group hosted by Tracy from Voices.

#### **Allan Wilmarth**

- Advised us to try and get the most accurate toxicology report we can, Allen is seeing an increase in other substances being mixed with opioids which is causing an increase in medical comorbidity. Allen reminds us to be careful when classifying overdoses as solely from opioids.
- Allen stated the goal at the methadone clinic, is to be the first methadone clinic in the United States to be HEP-C free. To date the clinic has had 37 complete cures of HEP-C. The clinic has also been working with OASIS to do HEP-A and HEP-B vaccinations for interested clients.
- There is also an increase in alcohol disorders at the clinic.

#### **Office of the Aging- Courtney Cashman**

- Courtney shared OFA is very busy registering folks to get their COVID vaccines.
- Broome County is offering free transportation to those who don't have a ride to their vaccine appointment, call 211 for a ride.
- OFA staff is coming back in the office on Monday.
- OFA is starting to see the mental health side of the isolation from their clients that were isolated from others for the majority of COVID.

#### **DA Office – Mike Korchak**

- The Drug Court Program has 102 Participates, despite the lower numbers during COVID there were 20 successful graduates. The goal of the programs is treatment for substance abuser.



#### **DSS - Tina Survilla**

- Tina informed us the utility moratorium has been extended through December 2021, if your clients need help paying the utility bill can call contact HEAP 607-778-1100 option 8. And the eviction moratorium has been extended through June 2021.
- Approval through the state to do applications and interviews through the phone has been extended through June 30, 2021.

#### **Mental Health- Lynne Esquivale, Megan Wise**

- Updated us on her virtual training on [theharrisproject.org](http://theharrisproject.org). This training informs us that substance abuse and mental health go hand in hand. Check out the website very information about treatment.
- Updated us with the OD Maps numbers.
- Megan is seeing an uptick with children overdosing, for several reasons. Domestic violence is on the rise. The children are overdosing on anything they can get their hands on aspirin, Tylenol, parents' medications.

***Next meeting is May 7, 2021.***