



BOAC Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2021 10AM – 11AM
ZOOM

Present: Marissa Knapp, Deb Gregory, Tina Survilla, Eric Robinson, Ray Serowik, Maria Fabrizi, Mike Korchak, Alexis Pleus, Lynne Esquivel, Megan Wise, Courtney Wheeler, Jill Alford-Hammitt, Brian Norris

Introductions were made and meeting was called to order Marissa Knapp.

Updates:

BCHD – Marissa Knapp

- Marissa updated us on her new position as Public Supervising Educator. Kristin Canjura will be taking over some of Marissa's responsibilities when she assumes her new responsibilities September 7, 2021.
- Marissa was grateful that the funds came together for the Public Service Announcement. The goal of the public service announcement was to reach recreational substance abuser. Fentanyl has been found in all overdoses.
- September 9, 2021, is New York State Overdose Awareness Day, from 10 – 1, more information to come.
- October 23, 2021, is DEA Drug Take Back Day. Contact Marissa know if you are interested in participating.
- September 10, 2021, is World Suicide Prevention Day, hosted by BC Safe, it will be a week of action starting with "Chalk the Walk and Have the Talk" the kickoff is CFJ Park in Johnson City. Other events will be a blood drive, trivia, and education. Contact Marissa if you would like to participate.
- Meetings will be virtual until the COVID numbers go down.

Emergency Services – Ray Serowik

- Updated the latest overdose numbers and informed us the latest increase in overdoses has not had a common substance.
- Broome County Emergency Services has started "on demand vaccines" Emergency Services will go out into business and vaccinate groups of 10 or more people.

DA's Office – Mike Korchak

- Mike stated he appreciates all the hard work that BOAC does.
- Currently there are participants in drug, veterans, and domestic court, the numbers are slightly down due to COVID.



Truth Pharm – Alexis Pleus

- Alexis shared the annual Trail of Truth will be August 21, 2021, with a rain date of August 22, 2021, see attachment to sign up and for and for a shareable printable flyer. Narcan training will also be available.
- With the grant funds from the United Way and the Broome County, Truth Pharm was able to start the Family Services Program, families are starting to receive services with the guidance of a social worker on hand.
- Working on overdose prevention, 100 people have been trained and are attempting to educate those in high-risk areas in our community.
- The grief group is ongoing.
- Truth Pharm has seen an increase in the request for fentanyl test strips.

Office of the Aging- Courtney Wheeler

- Courtney shared the senior center is open. OFA is screening clients before they go into their homes.
- OFA is seeing an increase in exploitation of financial abuse by caregivers.
- OFA throughout COVID saw a decline in seniors health due to the social isolation.
- Continues with in person meals and takeout meals, the Johnson City location is take-out only due to water damage in the building.

Mental Health

- Maria Fabrizi updated August 20, 2021, and September 9, 2021, there will be a free movie night at Otsiningo Park for families.

Helio

- The facility beds have been full.

Social Services

- Tina Survilla informed us Social Services is open to the public and requiring all those in the building to wear masks.

Lourdes Youth Services

- Jill updated us on the trauma information care projects such as fitness, wellness, and yoga classes.
- Lourdes Youth Services will host a family fun day August 27, 2021, from 3-5PM.

Next meeting September 10, 2021.