



BOAC Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2021  
ZOOM 10 – 11AM

**Present:** Kristin Russell, Deb Gregory, Melissa Seymour, Ray Serowik, Susan Wheeler, Courtney Wheeler, Mary McFadden, Kurt Zumbach, Tina Survilla, Elizabeth Sticco, Sherece Laine, Erica Robinson, Jill Alfort-Hammitt, Carmela Pirich, Alexis Pleus, Megan Olmstead

Introductions were made and meeting was brought to order by Kristen Russell.

**Presentation:**

- Helio Health – Melissa Seymour
  - See slides
  - If interested in Helio Health training, see website <https://www.helio.health/about/locations/traininginstitute/upcomingevents>
- Partnership to End Overdose – Elizabeth Mustacchio
  - See slides
  - Broome County was selected to be a model for the Spike Alert Program.
  - Contact Elizabeth for more information [emustacchio@toendaddiction.org](mailto:emustacchio@toendaddiction.org)

**Updates:**

- **Emergency Services**
  - Ray informed us the “911” overdose calls had increased the month of October.
  - Shared his latest statistics.
  - Currently the drugs being sold are laced with fentanyl.
  - BCHD is trying to educate on social media harm reduction.
- **Broome County Health Department**
  - Kristin stated Drug Take Back Day went well.
- **DSS**
  - Tina informed DSS has implemented “code blue.” Code Blue is when the Broome County Department of Social Services is required by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to operate a Code Blue Plan during inclement weather. This plan was created by Governor Cuomo to ensure everyone is off the streets when the temperature drops below 32° with the wind chill.



- **Office of the Aging**
  - Courtney shared the Senior Centers are now open.
  - Meals on Wheels is ongoing.
  - OFA is registering seniors for COVID boosters
  
- **TruthPharm**
  - TruthPharm has started a new family support group funded by the United Way. There are many more support groups TruthPharm offers check out their website <https://truthpharm.org>

#### **Mental Health**

- Megan has been working with Maria and Prevention Coalition on SOR2.
- Maria stated Drug Take Back Day was successful.

#### **ACBC**

- Carmela shared ACBC offices have re-opened for walk-ins from 9 – 11AM, along with some of the higher level of care groups.
- ACBC is now offering the syringe exchange program.

***Next meeting December 3, 2021.***