

# Broome Opioid Awareness Council

August 10, 2022 | 1pm Virtual Zoom Meeting • Broome County Health Department

### Agenda

# Call to Order: Kristin Russell, Public Health Educator

In Attendance: Ray Serowik (Broome County Office of Emergency Services), Kristin Russell (Broome County Health Department), Jules Denning (Prevention Resource Center), Kurt Zumbach (Broome County Probation), Nancy Williams (Broome County Department of Social Services/Mental Health), Megan Olmstead (Broome County Mental Health), Brenda Grinnell Crosby (Thompkins County Health Department), Zoe Lincoln (Thompkins County Health Department), Sidney Graham (Lourdes Youth Services), Stacy McCabe (Broome County Health Department), Margaret Reynolds (Broome County Health Department), Dani Berchtold (SUNY Broome Community College), Colleen DeLuca (UHS), Maria Fabrizi (Broome County Mental Health), Calvin Brown (UHS), Jim Hawley (NY/NJ HIDTA), Jillian Beloch (Broome County Mental Health), Courtney Hayes (Truth Pharm), Allan Wilmarth (UHS), Hannah Driskell (Broome County Public Defenders), Cara Fraser (UHS), Jules Lee (Rural Health Network), Erica Robinson (Helio Health), Leigh Stevens (Two Rivers Church), Mary McFadden (Broome County Health Department), John Barry (Southern Tier AIDS Program)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions-

### 2. Updates & reports from partners -

- Broome County Health Department:
  - Strategic Planner:
    - As part of the Overdose Data 2 Action grant (OD2A) at the Health Department, funding was allocated this year to hire a strategic planner for BOAC.
    - This has been a goal of the Health Department's for a while, but with COVID-19, that impeded many of the plans and opportunities for this to happen.
    - The evolving nature of the overdose crisis, it is important now more than ever to have a strategic plan on how to move forward. Part of this may be restructuring BOAC, including subcommittees.
    - There will be a survey that will be sent out this fall that will ask questions about BOAC- Strengthens, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats will be address.
    - Ideally, the strategic planning session may be a half day conference in person. The goal is to have this at the beginning of next year- sometime between February and March.
  - Accidental Injury and Death Review Team (AIDR):
    - A protocol document that outlines the mission, goals, and review team process; confidentiality

agreement; and data sharing agreement have been developed and submitted to Broome County Legislature for approval to establish contracts.

- Once the Legislature approves of our contracts, Kristin and Marissa will be reaching out to partners to meet 1:1 on AIDR participation. This may be towards the end of this month/beginning of September.
- As part of our OD2A grant, we will have money to subcontract for a social worker. This person would work for approximately 20 hours a month. An RFP is currently being worked on and will be distributed in the near future. If anyone knows of anyone would be interested, please let Kristin know.
- Sharps Kiosk:
  - The Broome County Health Department will soon be a site to collected used sharps. The policy
    committee is in the final stages of reviewing the policy, and Kristin and Marissa are going to be working
    with Maria on signage for the kiosk.
  - This kiosk will sit in the Health Department's lobby and be open from 8:30am-4:30pm. The anticipated launch date is at the end of this month.
- Community Health Assessment Survey:
  - Top priority so far identified by the public in the Community Health Assessment Survey is Substance Use and Mental Health.
- Prevention Coalition of Broome County:
  - Sharps Disposal:
    - Broome County Health Department Fellows are going to be calling around to pharmacies and hospital systems in Broome to update syringe disposal and medication drop box locations.
    - Megan worked with local hospitals on expanding public facing sharps disposals in those locations.
  - Pharmacy Initiative:
    - The deterra bags have been delivered to the UHS and Lourdes pharmacies.
    - Deterra deactivation bags will be distributed to patients who receive a short-term opioid prescription for the first or second time at their retail pharmacy.
  - Lockboxes:
    - SOR partnered with UHS Behavioral health and Lourdes Mental Health to distribute lockboxes for participants who need them.
    - SOR is working on getting more mental health clinics involved and the community.
  - Family Fun Night:
    - August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at CFJ Park
  - Chalk the Block:
    - Partnering with BC Safe to bring Chalk the Block to the Community. More to come on this.
  - Prevention Needs Assessment:
    - Maria is working on the PNA this year. More to come on this.
  - HEALing Communities Study:
    - Next Meeting:
      - August meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10. The agenda and charter were sent out this morning. This meeting
        will focus on membership, voting, introducing the interventions, disseminating funds, subcommittees,
        and champions, etc.
      - Maria is the Communications champion, the first campaign will focus on overdose education and Naloxone distribution. This first campaign will begin in October and be through social media, billboards, TV advertising, etc. The study will fund this as well as other funding that will come from Columbia that will not impact the NIDA budget.
      - If anyone is interested in attending the August meeting, please reach out to Jillian. The feedback from the charter shows there is a great interest in keeping this workgroup a engaged and community involved group. If you cannot attend yourself, you can send a representative from your agency.
      - Jillian can be reached at <u>Jillian.Beloch@broomecountyny.gov</u>
- Department of Social Services:
  - Narcan Trainings at DSS:
    - DSS and STAP have been partnering to host Narcan trainings the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month at the DSS building on Main street.

- These have been successful so far, and there have been many people who were trained.
- Crisis Stabilization Center
- Southern Tier AIDs Program:
  - Drug Testing Pilot Project:
    - NYSDOH AIDS Institute will be purchasing a spectrometer and funding a part-time position to do real time drug testing at the syringe exchange programs.
    - The spectrometer is sensitive enough to get results off bag, so bringing in the substances won't be necessary.
    - Partnering with NC Chapel Hill to do quality assurance and will mail them samples if the person is willing to send it out.
    - STAP will log this information to share with local communities and law enforcement.
- Truth Pharm:
  - Trail of Truth:
    - August 20<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Binghamton. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year, and there is opportunity for tabling if any agency is interested.
    - The link to the Facebook event is: <u>https://fb.me/e/2eJ3u610g</u>
    - The link to register to table is: <u>https://forms.gle/AKXyAB42B7fQm9a1A</u>
    - Beth Macey, author of Dopesick (which inspired the Hulu series) is confirmed to speak at the Trail of Truth and will be a day early to discuss her new book, Raising Lazarus, which features Alexis and the Rainmakers. The location is TBD and more information will come out when details are available.
  - Narcan Training:
    - Partnering with Sidney at Lourdes Youth Services to do virtual Narcan trainings. This is the first Thursday of every month.
    - The Facebook link is: <u>https://fb.me/e/2Pd6jSRJj</u>
  - Family Support Services:
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 49 Pine Street
    - This is an opportunity for family members who have loved ones who use to come together and discuss experiences and how their loved one's use is affecting them.
    - This group has also expanded to Chenango County.
    - The link to the Facebook event is: <u>https://fb.me/e/1zs0jW8xt</u>
  - Community Concern:
    - There was a community member who was pulled from treatment after 2 weeks and taken to the BC Jail. It was very disheartening to hear of this, and there is questions on why this would happen.
    - The Public Defender's Office and Helio has also been hearing of this with their clients.
    - Binghamton Police has confirmed to Helio that they make every effort to avoid this situation, as they
      don't want to take them out of treatment. Helio counselors have often helped clients with their
      warrants while they are in care.
    - Hannah's role at the Public Defender's Office is there to help bridge this to get clients back into treatment. She can be reached at: <u>Hannah.Driskell@Broomecountyny.gov</u>
    - It was mentioned that it could have something to do with charges or warrant. This can be brought up in Peer Response to see if local police has any insight.
- UHS:
  - Programmatic Updates:
    - The opioid treatment program has been very busy.
    - The MOUD at New Horizons Outpatient has grown significantly. Dr. Finney has been given many longacting injectable medications that have been well received and working well for both Opioid-Use Disorder and Alcohol-Use Disorder.
  - Personnel Change:
    - Alan will be retired; Cara Fraser will be taking over some of Alan's community involvements like BOAC
- Office of Emergency Services:
  - Data Sharing:
    - Calls for Cardiac Arrest and Overdoses were down from June in July. These two are often parallel as

- seen on the graphs.
- EMS Naloxone took a dip in June but upticked in July. This is accurate as it comes directly from clinical data reports coming from EMS providers.
- Police Naloxone were down, but takes about two months to become accurate due to the paperwork and reporting system is manual. The police also are not reported in doses, but instances.
- Recent OD Map Counts:
  - April: 6 suspected fatal, 43 suspected overdoses, 36 Naloxone incidences
  - May: 8 suspected fatal, 48 suspected overdoses, 41 Naloxone incidences
  - June: 9 suspected fatal, 45 suspected overdoses, 39 Naloxone incidences
  - July: 3 suspected fatal, 38 suspected overdoses 35 Naloxone incidences
- Personnel Change:
  - Waiting on the Civil Service to fulfill the position. Ray is hoping within the next few weeks the position will be filled.
  - Ray will stay on per-diem as an assistant to his successor to assist in the transition.
- Broome County Public Defender's Office: No Updates
- Prevention Resource Center: No Updates
- Two Rivers Church:
  - On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm, Two Rivers will be hosting a Recovery Housing Conference sponsored by the New York State Alliance of Recovery Residences and Opioid Response Network.
  - If there are any questions, Leigh can be contacted at: <a href="mailto:leigh@tworivers.church">leigh@tworivers.church</a>
- Broome County Community College: No Updates
- Helio Health:
  - Harm Reduction Training:
    - Erica, Truth Pharm, and John will be attending a harm reduction conference in Buffalo the next few days.
  - Drive-Thru Narcan Trainings:
    - Erica sent an article about the Narcan trainings that Onondaga County has done to Marissa, Kristin, and Truth Pharm to gain interest in hosting an event like this.
    - UHS has done this through their programs throughout COVID. The nurse and counselors do Narcan trainings in the parking lot and has been very well received.
    - Erica reached out to the mayor's office in Endicott to see if there would be opportunity there to have a training there.
  - Vending Machines:
    - Oneonta recently shared a story about the Narcan vending machines. Onondaga has also potentially implemented this. The link to the Oneonta story is here: <u>https://wskg.org/oneonta-narcan-vending-machine/</u>
    - ACBC has purchased a harm reduction vending machine as part of their opioid mini-grant funds. There
      was a 6-month delay in receiving the machines.
    - NIDA as part of their passive Naloxone distribution will have funding to possibly cover purchases of these. There isn't any funding restrictions, so there would not be limitations to purchasing supplies for the vending machines.
- Lourdes Youth Services:
  - Staff:
    - Now fully staffed! There are 6 counselors in school districts implementing programs.
    - Staff will return at the end of August.
    - This past year, the program saw roughly 10,000 students last school year. This was through all their programs.
- NY/NJ HIDTA- No Updates

# Next Meeting: Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 1pm. Location: TBD