



Broome Opioid Awareness Council

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Virtual Zoom Meeting • Broome County Health Department

Agenda

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Call to Order: Marissa Knapp- Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator

In Attendance: Marissa Knapp (Broome County Health Department), Kristin Russell (Broome County Health Department), Mary McFadden (Broome County Health Department), Raymond Serowik (Broome County Office of Emergency Services), John Barry (STAP), Courtney Cashman (Broome County Office for Aging), Jillian Beloch (Broome County Mental Health Department), Brian Norris (Broome County Security), John Snider (Two Rivers Church), Erica Robinson (Helio Health), Adeola Somefun (Binghamton YWCA), Susan Wheeler (Community member), Leigh Stevens (Two Rivers Church), Megan Olmstead (Broome County Mental Health), Tina Survilla (Broome County Social Services), Maria Fabrizi (Prevention Coalition of Broome County), Jim Hawley (NY/NJ HIIDA), Carmela Pitrich (Addition Center of Broome County), Mike Baker (Broome County Public Defender's Office)

1. Welcome and Introductions-

2. Updates & reports from partners –

- Broome County Health Department-
 - We are announcing our BOAC mini-grants. If you are interested in applying, the Microsoft form is available from now to March 2nd at 4pm
 - This should hopefully be easier than before.
 - The link will be sent out to the BOAC group, as well as on social media, partners can feel free to share with anyone who may be interested
 - This funding is for on-profits, schools, municipalities, and other entities to implement overdose prevention activities in the community
 - The form is very similar to application before. It will ask for the name of the

- organization, type of organization, budget must be available, project description,
 - If you are awarded, you would need to work with our law department on insurance information
 - Saturday April 30th will be the next DEA Take Back Day, we will be hosting another site. Please let us know if you want to partner with us.
 - If anyone would like to bring information tabling, do a Narcan training, or do anything for our community
 - BCHD normally does it from 9-2
 - Helio would like to be involved.
 - COVID-19 Updates
 - We are still hosting COVID vaccine clinics, primary and booster shots
 - American Heart Association's Wear Red Day was today.
 - Broome County Emergency Services-
 - COVID is still very much running the lives of OES
 - The testing site is still up and running, the hours are M-F, 12:30-7:30. There has been a drop in need for testing, so most pre-registration is open and encouraged.
 - STAP-
 - Alan Wilmarth asked John about Narcan use on kits distributed-
 - 20% of Narcan kits distributed through STAP were used to reverse ODs.
 - John was unsure if this was a good or bad number, but it was interesting to see that data
 - Maybe will use this data later to better target distribution plans
 - John mentioned the 2 use sites, and shared data about the successes so far at these sites.
 - There are 2 sites in New York City
 - So far, little over 600 individuals were served, about 6,000 individual visits, and 123 overdoses were reversed
 - This is a challenging conceptual concept, but 123 lives were saved
 - STAP received money from NYS, through the CDC, to increase their mobile harm reduction van capacity.
 - This will be used to increase syringe exchange and harm reduction capacity in rural areas.
 - There will be a nurse and 2 harm reduction specialists on the project
 - This van will be doing to Cortland, and to Chemung County in Elmira. Possibly going to Otsego and Delaware Counties as well.
 - This funding is only about 1.5 years, but there may be capacity to do work in the Broome County rural areas.
 - Broome County Office for Aging-
 - There is a lack of aides in the community for the elderly population, this has been an issue pre-pandemic and now it's worse
 - This is leading to increase in hospitalizations and an increase desire to be in in care facilities, which are also not taking as many patients now
 - NYS is pushing for a fair pay for this type of profession
 - OFA is trying to come up with creative solutions, there is grant money for aides, but no workers
 - Participants know who to call, but OFA unfortunately does not have answers
 - Pre-COVID, there was encouragement for communal living (people living together and taking care of each other) and COVID pushed that back because of spreading the virus. Now there is a push against this.
 - Helio Health-
 - Erica is still working on the clothing donations and gathering items that patients can take with them once they leave the facility.
 - Utica and Rochester Helio Health have clothing pantries, so Erica will hopefully learn

- more from these sites to implement in Binghamton
 - Erica is having a hard time finding men's stuff that is not dress stuff.
 - Eric is open to picking up stuff and laundering through it
 - Pastor John from Two Rivers Church offered advice about clothing, as they also had this issue in the Hope Homes.
 - Erica can't open it up saying they are accepting donations, but if partners have any donations they can reach out to Erica
 - Helio are pretty busy in detox, once a bed opens up then typically, they are quick to fill that bed again
 - If a patient is looking to get in treatment and are not hearing back, reach out to Erica
 - Helio was awarded the ESHY grant for affordable housing.
 - This grant will allow Helio to expand and create affordable housing, as well as add an additional 50 residential beds to the facility
 - They are looking at a location in Binghamton
 - The timing for this is for Fall 2023.
 - There are many loose ends because of the limitations being in a state building
 - Best way to contact Erica is through email or her cell phone- ERobinson@helio.health
- Two River's Church-
 - HOPE homes are getting ready to open up. The men's home was closed for a little just for restructuring
 - Capacity for the men's home is around 7
 - Looking to open in April for men's home, May possibly June for women's home.
 - Two Rivers will be looking for referrals for participants
 - Two Rivers is receiving funding through opioid response network, through Columbia University, to receive TA for their staff
 - In August, Two Rivers will be hosting a event, more to come on that
- Social Services-
 - Code BLUE is in effect, so any homeless person can get assistance for a shelter. They can stop by DSS for an application, or visit the website and fill out a form
- Public Defender's Office-
 - Recreational user PSA- Mike reached out to Daniel Baldwin about being in the PSA. Through the course of the conversation, Daniel mentioned a movie he produced, My Promise to PJ. It is a very powerful movie about Daniel's struggles and the struggles of addiction.
 - Mike looked into the possibility of hosting a viewing at the forum, so Mike is looking for feedback on if this is something we should pursue. This would be in the Spring or Summer possibly.
 - It is available on HULU, if partners can view the movie and bring feedback, it would be appreciated.
 - BOCES might be able to film the PSA
 - PCBC and Helio Health are interested in assisting with the event
- Broome County Security-
 - No updates
- YWCA-
 - The Bridge program is a 5 bed recovery housing with mothers in recovery. The beds are filled and working on vocational information
- Healing Communities Study-
 - Jillian met with Columbia University, and will be meeting more in March to discuss specifics of the HEALing Communities workplan
 - Reducing stigma, increasing access to MAT, Naloxone distribution
 - Jillian is working with Maria and the adult/child SPOA and will be hosting an event in March
- SOR-
 - No updates other than the ones provided in the syringe disposal and pharmacy work.

- Prevention Coalition of Broome County-
 - Still working with Tobacco Free Broome and Tioga to update municipality tobacco policies to include cannabis language.
 - Working on medication safety- looking at head shops.
 - Maria attended a call with the Office of Cannabis Management who is extremely invested in medication safety.
 - They mentioned there being free marijuana dispensed through the purchase of a sticker, OCM has stated that is illegal.
 - OCM is very focused on youth prevention.
 - PCBC is working with Lourdes Youth Services to create a Youth Coalition at Binghamton High School.
 - Will be having an environmental scan training with BCCC.
 - Prevention needs assessment will be Fall 2023, Maria will be preparing in the Spring the questions for the Fall.
- NY/NJ HIIDA-
 - If any community partners have noticed any trends, please share them with Jim via email. He will track them down and find out more from other law enforcement agencies.
 - Reminder about the Partnership to End Overdose SPIKE alert.
 - Marissa mentioned the promotion of the Never Use Alone hotline- Alexis from Truth Pharm mentioned it had saved many lives.
- ACBC-
 - ACBC received the COCCLI grant again. There is 1 full time peer staff, 1 clinician staff. ACBC decided they wanted to focus on meth this round.
 - ACBC will be working on 3 presentations, and are looking for those who may be interested in
 - ACBC has 5 intensive care outpatient groups running and are struggling with following guidelines. This is causing issues with not being able to provide the services needed.
 - Adolescents' groups have been increasing and is extensive. Schools have shared they are struggling with behavioral issues.

3. Other Announcements/Business –

- OD Numbers-
 - Earlier this week, we saw a SPIKE, but according to our SPIKE protocol, it has ended.
 - February numbers, so far 8 non-fatal, 7 of which were within a 24-hour period.
 - Jim and Stacey were reviewing the police overdose reports
 - There is no solid trends and not much continuity
 - By the time law enforcement is arriving at the scene, there is no evidence to collect and they are not able to get information from victims
 - Marissa received a call from the Holiday Inn who saw the reports of overdoses in the media and were interested in getting trained in Narcan.
 - Marissa has been receiving many calls about people who need new kits, whose kits have expired, so people are paying attention to the media and reports
 - Marissa will be reaching out to partners who can train to coordinate
 - Ray shared data tables
 - Right now, police report is left out, due to pending reports from busy stations, but all other data is up to date.
 - There is an increased number in Cardiac/respiratory arrest calls to the 9-1-1 centers, which is the way many of the overdose calls are labeled in first 9-1-1 calls
 - Overdose calls to 9-1-1 are stable
 - On OD Mapp-
 - In December- 43 suspected overdose, 7 of which were fatal
 - In January, 35 suspected overdose, 6 were fatal
 - Percentage of mortalities were up, many of these were entered in at the

- end of the month. As Jim alluded to, there is a lag in the reports and death reports.
- Some of the criteria of suspected overdoses that would normally immediately indicate an overdose were not there at the initial scene, so information is being waited on from the death investigation.
 - In a historical context, going back to March 2014, most metrics have tended upwards over the last couple of years.
 - Use of Naloxone in EMS/Police, has declined, but goes to show the improvements of Naloxone in the community
- There will be 2 more fatal in December, and there is a Broome County resident who passed from an overdose in Corning, so there is one, but it will not show up in OD maps.
- Marissa mentioned potential community trainings in Narcan. Two Rivers and other settings have hosted, if anyone is interested, please reach out to Marissa and she will connect you with a partner that can train
- In 2019, we had a state of emergency for the overdoses and many of those bags would be expired.
- Trends-
 - Carmela mentioned last week reports of “purple heroin” in the community, but there hasn’t been any information on the law enforcement side to support this.
 - STAP has also heard reports of purple heroin for a while now, hearing that it is extremely strong.
 - STAP has noticed the increase in request for fentanyl test strips.
 - An adjacent county requested fentanyl test strips from STAP to implement in their substance use treatment center
 - There are limitations to this intervention, it does not tell the exact percentage of fentanyl in the supply, just if it is present
 - STAP continues to encourage harm reduction practices to their participants
 - Helio noticed detox has been extremely busy lately, people are reaching out looking for assistance.
 - Helio has not noticed any trend specifically, due to the diversity of use in their patients.
 - Has notice an increased use in Benzodiazepines.
 - ACBC is giving out many fentanyl tests strips.
 - ACBC has also noticed that many of the syringe exchange participants are using both heroin and meth.
- Syringe Disposal Updates-
 - BCHD and BCMH/SOR are meeting with community partners on Monday on harm reduction and Sharps disposal.
 - UHS and non-profits have been working together on this to increase the availability of SHARPS disposals.
 - Megan is working on getting Lourdes involved as well to have both hospital systems in Broome County involved.
- Pharmacy Updates-
 - BCHD, BCMH/SOR are partnering with UHS pharmacies and behavioral health on dispensing Deterra bags.
 - UHS is on board with this project, and BCHD and BCMH are moving forward with this project.
 - Lourdes is also looking at this as well in the future
- Overdose Fatality Review Team Updates-
 - We are moving forward with gaining more information on this. Kristin, Jillian, and

Next Meeting: Friday March 4th 2022 at 10am