



## Broome Opioid Awareness Council

February 4, 2022 | 10am  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
  - Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 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
    - Helio would like to be involved.

- COVID-19 Updates
  - We are still hosting COVID vaccine clinics, primary and booster shots
- 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, 12-7:30. 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-
    - 20% of Narcan kits distributed through STAP were used to reverse ODs.
  - John mentioned the 2 use sites, and shared data about the successes so far at these sites.
  - STAP received money from NYS to increase their mobile harm reduction van capacity. 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, which causes increase in hospitalization
    - NYS is pushing for a fair pay for this type of profession
- Helio Health-
  - Erica is still working on the clothing donations and gathering items that patients can take with them once they leave the facility.

### 3. Other Announcements/Business –

- OD Numbers-
  - Earlier this week, we saw a SPIKE. February numbers, so far 7 non-fatal, no fatal
  - Jim and Stacey were reviewing the police reports
    - There is reluctance in witness compliance, and nothing is standing out, so there's no real explanation for the spike.
  - Marissa received a call from the Holiday Inn who were interested in getting trained in Narcan. Marissa will be reaching out to partners who can train to coordinate
  - Ray shared data tables
    - Right now, police report is lagging, but all other data is up to date.
    - On OD Mapp, 43 ODs, 7 of which were fatal
    - 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.
- Trends-
  - Carmela mentioned last week reports of “purple heroin” in the community.
  - STAP has also heard reports of purple heroin, hearing that it is extremely strong.
  - STAP has noticed the increase in request for fentanyl test strips.
  - Helio noticed detox has been extremely busy lately, people are reaching out looking for assistance.
  - Helio has not noticed any specifically, due to the diversity of use in their patients. Has notice an increase use in Benzodiazepines.
  - ACBC is giving out many fentanyl test 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. UHS and non-profits have been working together on this to increase the availability of SHARPS disposals.

- 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.

**Next Meeting: Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10am**