



## Broome Opioid Awareness Council (BOAC)

June 5, 2020 | 10 a.m. - Noon  
Broome County Health Department – via ZOOM

Present: Marissa, Terry Carey, Maria Fabrizi, Jim Hawley, Carmela Pirich, Raymond Serowik, Sonia, Erin, Lynn, Alan Wilmarth, Wendy

Absent:

**Call to order:** June 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Marisa Lamphere, Broome County Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator, called at 10:00a.m. and introductions were made.

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### **BCHD**

- Marisa informed us the Health Department is operational but not open to the public but is providing PPE to public. She continues to work on getting the disposable drug bags distributed, with a survey to track where they are being used.

### **Probation**

- The building continues to remain closed to the public
- Courts are doing sentencing outside and are having meetings over the phone.

### **Heal Project**

- Lynn has completed the 10–15 minute surveys, she is not holding any meetings due to COVID.

### **BCMh/ DFC**

- Maria advised us SOR is in stage 4, and she has hired an advertising agency to handle the marijuana campaign.
- BCCC collaboration.
- The surveys for underaged and social drinking continue to move forward.

### **HIDTA**

- Jim reported overdose stats from Albany County, the trend recently is coke is now being cut with Fentanyl.
- Liquid meth remains solely in Broome County.
- Since the beginning of COVID 19 overdoses have increased 62%, the clusters are suburban areas vs the rural areas.

### **Helio Health**

- Wendy informed us detox and inpatient programs are open to the public they must call first for a COVID screening, if any symptoms present, they will be sent over to ER for a COVID test.
- Wendy is doing virtual Narcan training please email if you are interested in training.

## **ACBC**

- Carmela informed us assessments are being done in person, group therapy over the phone. Transportation is being arranged to helping clients with groceries and medications along with rides to detox.
- Carmela is also doing virtual Narcan Training.

## **EMS**

- Ray reported May's statistics. There were 5 Meth overdoses. Overdose calls to 911 were the highest in April, the maps also rose by 10 cases since February.
- The number of cardiac arrests is down, due to the fact people are avoiding the hospitals and EMS, in the fear of getting COVID, no spike in home deaths.
- The distribution of Narcan is down substantially because the Narcan is already out in the community.

## **UHS Behavior Health**

- Alan explained to us UHS has been open consistently, when accepting patients, they must have low/med risk. They are admitted to a room, screened for COVID symptoms then moved to a group setting. Patients are accepting of this new process.
- Patient volume has remained strong and patients are happy with conference call therapy. UHS is now doing home or curb delivery of Methadone.
- Within the last 60 days, 750 people have been admitted to mental health and now having dual diagnoses.
- Several overdoses lately are presenting with psychotic and acute cardiac symptoms, these are associated with the liquid meth overdoses. These overdoses are on the rise and still strictly in Broome County, the liquid meth is being cut with Fentanyl.

## **DSS**

- Sonia advised DSS continues to be open, they are seeing clients in the lobby and taking applications on the phone.

## **BU**

- Erin is looking ahead to the fall semester, BU is planning on student housing, letting 1000 students move in at a time. BU is combining online and in person learning, COVID/Antibody testing remain available.

***There will be no meeting in July, and we will resume in August.***