



Broome Opioid Awareness Council

May 6, 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: Stacey Rodzinka (Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center), Kristin Russell (Broome County Health Department), Brian Norris (Broome County Security), Nancy Williams (Broome County Department of Social Services/Mental Health), Lisa Rattinger (UHS), Victoria Alt (Broome County Health Department), Jillian Beloch (Broome County Mental Health), Colleen Wagner (Broome County Executive's Office), Maria Fabrizi (Broome County Mental Health), Susan Wheeler (Community Member), Erica Robinson (Helio Health), Calvin Brown (UHS), Adeola Somefun (Binghamton YWCA), Jill Alford-Hammit (Lourdes Youth Services), Sidney Graham (Lourdes Youth Services), Allan Wilmarth (UHS), Mary McFadden (Broome County Health Department), Jules Lee (Rural Health Network), Courtney Hayes (Truth Pharm), Marissa Knapp (Broome County Health Department), Hannah Driskoll (Broome County Public Defender's Office), Joelle Martyanick (Broome County Probation)

1. Welcome and Introductions-

2. Presentation- Jillian Beloch, NIDA HEALing Study

- The HEALing Community Study is a multi-state study focusing on decreasing the burden of overdose deaths.
- Currently Broome County is in Phase 0 of Wave 2 and getting ready to implement the next phase on July 1st.
- The goals are to target interventions to address increasing access to medicated assisted treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, increasing Naloxone distribution, and reducing high risk opioid prescribing.
- As part of the study, Columbia University would like to see a group of stakeholders that act as accountability towards the workplan.
- The workgroup will be held monthly, provide a review of intervention strategies and action planning, sharing

accountability and report outcomes and deliverables to Columbia and the community, have data-driven discussions, and provide the opportunity for input regarding the allocation of funding.

- May 18th at 10 am and will be about an hour and a half will be the first meeting.

3. Updates & reports from partners –

- Spike Alert-
 - For the month of April- 42 suspected overdoses, 6 of which are suspected to be fatal, 36 suspected non-fatal. 4 fatalities were added within the last few days of April
 - There has been 6 fatalities and 15 non-fatalities within the last 7 days. There would have been multiple spikes this past week if Stacey was in town and updated OD Maps.
 - In May- the numbers so far are
 - Trend wise- there has been a couple of cases where purple heroin was involved. Many of the overdoses are related to heroin, not additional drugs.
 - National Fentanyl Awareness Day is May 10th. The Broome County Health Department is going to be putting out a press-release and sharing on social media. If partners can share it would be appreciated.
 - If partners want to collaborate on Narcan trainings, please reach out to Marissa or Kristin
- Broome County Health Department Updates-
 - OFR-
 - Continuing to work on OFR. Marissa and Kristin have continued to research
 - New York State Public Health Conference-
 - Opioid overdoses were a hot topic at the conference.
 - Truth Pharm and Binghamton presented at the conference discussing their projects they worked together on.
 - Many other counties noted they were seeing an increase in overdoses.
 - NYSACHO will continue to put forth information guiding evidence-based interventions.
 - DEA Drug Take Back Day-
 - One of the most successful Take Back Day seen so far. Almost 1,000 pounds were collected, and thousands of SHARPs were collected.
 - There were many partners there displaying information
 - There was a non-stop flow of traffic, and many were thankful to dispose of medications and sharps
 - BCHD held a vaccine clinic, and this was one of the most successful clinics as well.
 - Detera drug deactivation bags and medication lock boxes were also dispensed and allowed for education about medication safety.
 - SHARPs Initiative -
 - The Health Department applied for a sharps kiosk and was approved.
 - Marissa and Kristin will be meeting with the NYS Department of Health soon to begin implementing this.
 - Brian suggested if the pilot program goes well, he hears from his officers on where sharps are picked up. There may be opportunities for collaboration with the Security officers and additional county locations.
 - Pharmacy/Detera Initiative-
 - Still working out some of the logistics, and BCHD, SOR, UHS, and Lourdes will be meeting next week.
 - The timeline is for the summer to implement
 - At first, there was ideas on targeting mom and pop pharmacies, but there is a lack of those in Broome. The hospitals felt like a better option due to their locality and reach.
 - The County Executive's office has been extremely supportive of this initiative.
 - Other counties have similar programs, but they have legislation and no plan on how to implement.
- Truth Pharm-
 - Also hearing reports of increases of overdoses. Have not heard much about purple heroin.
 - Continue to distribute fentanyl test strips and learning the limitations. Truth Pharm is learning how to teach best practices to the population of drug users.
 - Courtney also mentions they're hearing of more people using methamphetamines, agreeing with what is

being seen at UHS.

- UHS-
 - There is continuing pressure on the Methadone clinic, and it grows exponentially.
 - UHS received a small grant from OASAS for a home delivery of MOUD.
 - There has been an increase in overdose rates with patients, which is why Alan asked about benzodiazepine use in the OD numbers. There was an increase in reports from family members about patients purchasing benzodiazepines on the street and passing out in the home.
 - Outpatient clinic can deliver more services, due to COVID restrictions and testing negative to be in-patient
 - There is a large increase in methamphetamine use reports, and UHS is seeing an increase in hospitalization of meth-induced psychosis.
 - The collaboration with BC Jail is increasing in numbers, there is the highest number of people seen.
 - 260 patients before the pandemic and now there is over 300, growing about 20% over the last year.
 - There has been the highest number of participants in the virtual program since the inception of the behavioral health program.
 - The caveat to this is there is issues with not seeing the decline of a patient until it is almost too late.
- Lourdes ACES-
 - There was a laundry support event that provided supplies to 30-40 families.
 - There was an initiative for street outreach providing necessary supplies for those who may need helps.
 - Jill is retiring in June, and this is her last BOAC meeting!
- Rural Health Network-
 - There is a new grant for chronic disease patients trying to fill in gaps in services, so this felt like a good fit for BOAC
- Helio Health-
 - There is a lot of patients having using benzodiazepines. There are also many patients coming in for detox from alcohol.
 - There are not that many patients coming in for detox from opioids, but meth is also seen an increase.
 - Helio is getting fentanyl test strips to distribute to patients who are leaving, whether they are just being discharged or leaving against medical advice.
- Broome County Probation-
 - No updates.
- Broome County Executive's Office-
 - No updates. Information about the Opioid Settlement money forthcoming.
- Department of Social Services-
 - Partnering with STAP on providing a Narcan training monthly.
 - They will be setting up tables at the entrance of DSS the last Wednesday of every month.
 - ERAP, there was 3,000 applications. The portal did close for a while, but it did open as it was in the governor's budget and there is leftover money. This will protect someone from eviction for 12 months.
- Prevention Coalition of Broome County-
 - The Prevention Needs Assessment will be implemented in the schools in the next school year.
 - The creator of the PNA is changing the survey and there will be an additional 10 open questions for coalitions to decide. There is consideration for mental health questions.
 - In Deposit there will be a fentanyl awareness opportunity with parents. The video "" will be play and Maria is looking for feedback from parents and potentially go back into the schools.
 - There was a meeting with Whitney Point for help with vaping. PCBC, Tobacco Free Broome, Lourdes Youth Services, American Heart Association all have a meeting with school officials to create a 3-prong approach.
 - Maria is working with agencies on distributing lockboxes to clients who may need it.
- Broome County Public Defender's Office-
 - No updates

4. Other Announcements/Business -

Next Meeting: Friday June 3rd 2022 at 10am