



Tuesday August 19, 2025| 1:00pm-2:30pm

Broome County Health Department, Conference Rooms A & B

225 Front Street Binghamton, NY 13905

Virtual Option: <https://broome.zoom.us/j/85031762374> (Meeting ID: 850 3176 2374)

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- **Welcome and Call to Order**

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- **Moment of Silence, Meeting Expectations,**

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Introductions Olivia Catalano, MHA, Director Broome County Health Department as of 7/21/25 comes from FQHC that provided primary care, behavioral health, dental care, reproductive health, quality assurance/improvement in the Finger Lakes Region serving seven counties.

Virtual: Amber Coyne (BU Fleishman Career Center), Cal Brown (UHS), Dustin Ross (G-L ED Nurse Manager), Emily Davies (CCN), Erica Robinson (Helio Health), Jess Saeman (FCCS), Jules Denning (NCAD-RA), Kristin Russell (TCPH/ASAP), Kylie Holochak (TCPH & Tioga ASAP), Lena Meyer (Helio Health), Patty Townsend (Hope's Closet/Community), Rasheema Wright (BU ATOD/BCCC), Wendy Antalek (BT BOCES), Madelyn Shantillo (Bing Mayor), Emily Georgia (FCCS), Kathy Staples (Truth Pharm).

In Person: Ben Harting (BCSO), Kira Harting (BCSO), Steven Cornejo (STCAC), Rachel Leri (MBPN), John Barry (STAP), Grace Merrill (Sen. Webb), Maria Fabrizi (BCMh), Sidney Graham (GLYS), Liz Warneck (BCMh), Scott Rosman (UHS), Martie Ritz (MATTERS), Jules Cole (BCHD PHEP), Marissa Knapp (BCHD OPP) Michelle Bertoni (BCHD OPP), Scott Spicer BCHD OPP), Abby Kaiser (BCHD OPP).

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- **Presentations by:**

- **Maria Fabrizi, CPP Coordinator, Prevention Coalition of Broome County**—Please see the attached presentation and reach out to Maria with questions Maria.Fabrizi@broomecountyny.gov
 - Broome County Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey Data Highlights
 - Funded by Drug Free Communities year 9 of 10
 - PNA administered in Broome County since 2004 schools opt in for free to gather data-- most schools choose to participate, but drugs and youth are still stigmatized
 - Results help inform our work, where to go next with prevention

- Standardized survey allows for comparison (Bach Harrison creates and analyzes)
- BCMH provides TA to school districts including training staff to prepare students for why the survey is important.
- 6th grade surveyed for the first time this year (2024); not all schools chose to include 6th grade.
 - Question: All are asked the same questions, sixth grade through seniors? (Marissa Knapp)
 - Answer: Yes
 - Contact your school district to ask if they participate to encourage them to (Marissa Knapp)
 - Question: what schools don't participate? (Jess Saeman)
 - Answer: Historically Binghamton and Vestal have not, and UE was unable to this year.
- 500-900 per grade level completed in 2024
- Validity questions are built into the survey
 - Question: All surveys are online now? (Marissa Knapp)
 - Answer: Yes
- Alcohol, E-cigarettes and Marijuana are the top 3 because most accessible
- Focus is past 30 days of use because that's a better indicator of patterns of use
 - Past 30-day use graph shows percent who responded "yes" with 2022 numbers in parentheses
 - Question: Are there descriptions of "amphetamines" and what might fall into that class? There are people who may have prescriptions for Ritalin and Adderall (John Barry)
 - Answer: Yes, the medical names, not street names
- Risk & Protective Factors in four domains: school, community, family/parent, peer
 - Low commitment to school perceived risk of drug use, and depressive symptoms have consistently been in top 5 risk factors
 - Perception of risk: Prescription drugs not prescribed to them 78%, Marijuana smoked once or twice a week 56%
 - Question: Is chewing tobacco asked about? (Ben Harting)
 - Answer: No, chewing tobacco was removed because it wasn't used as much, and most survey users (nationally) voted for it to be removed. (MF)
 - Our school resource officers confiscate a significant amount of chewing tobacco, more than cigarettes. (BH)
 - Now they're coming out with pouches and things so my feedback was that forms of nicotine shouldn't be lumped in with tobacco because they don't know the terms. (MF)
 - Comment: Would be surprised if nicotine pouches are not added, Important to realize that vape isn't a substance; terminology changes by the time data is released so it is difficult to be current in questions (Jules Denning)
- Depressive symptoms are a risk factor because mental illness lives in the same space as substance use—respondents are reporting using substances to feel better
- Depressive symptoms have improved since 2020
- Social Norms—student perceptions are misaligned with the reality of use
- Work to educate and empower parents to have discussions, improve their comfort level, and limit access in their homes.
- Recommendations: focus groups, substance use conversations earlier, prioritize mental health
 - Question: Can data be broken down by district? (Scott Rosman)
 - Answer: Yes, each school gets a report of their data. Broome County aggregate data is available online through BCMH
 - Question: Why do Binghamton and Vestal not participate? (SR)
 - Answer: Binghamton is nervous about optics and the press is hard on them. Vestal hasn't responded. (MF)

- Q: Are Broome numbers reflective of the country pre/post/during pandemic? (MK)
- A: Yes, very similar (MF)
- Q: How long does the survey take for 100 questions? (Sidney Graham)
- A: Ask districts to provide full period, not everyone finishes. (MF)
- Is there a report on how many people drop off 20 minutes for example. (SG)
- We could find that out from raw data. We do look at how many responded. (MF)
- You have one round left? (MK)
- Next survey would be in 2026, grant ends in September of 2026, but could fund it with carryover.

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- **Martie Ritz, Outreach Coordinator ST/MH MATTERS—Please see the attached presentation and reach out to Martie with questions mrutz@mattersnetwork.org**
 - New platform is active!
 - ACBC and UHS New Horizons are on the platform locally
 - Rapid referral platform that links patients to suboxone on a fully automated system 24/7/365
 - There is no cost to the individual or the organizations
 - Connecting to treatment in the community within 72 hours including same day meds
 - Four UHS Pharmacies accept MATTERS vouchers in addition to CVS, Walgreens, Wegmans
 - Bupe-AP Information
 - Vouchers for transportation mostly through Uber Health
 - 11AM-11PM access for most of NYS for a telemedicine appointment including a two-week bridge script
 - MATTERS also has syringes available by mail through online ordering
 - ONEboxes and single dose Emergency Use Naloxboxes are available for free through MATTERS: <https://mattersnetwork.org/organization-naloxone/>
 - Sidney Graham reported he was able to order two before the presentation was over
 - MATTERS was able to place all 48 Harm Reduction Vending Machines across the Southern Tier before the funding ends in September.
 - Now offering follow-up support and Martie can help problem solve any issues
 - Your organization can sign up to become a referral source
 - Demonstration of new online platform
 - No address needs to be entered
 - Vouchers can be texted
 - Patients as young as 13 can be linked
 - Pre-natal and parenting specific options are available
 - All virtual options exist
 - Can see all services available at treatment organizations
 - Request placed at 2:19, virtual appointment available at 3:40
 - Question: Since many unhoused individuals do not have IDs, is there a place on the website to note that? (Emily Davies)
 - Answer: Acknowledgement box can note if no ID, pronoun that wasn't listed, lots of suggestions of info to include. Treatment organizations will see those notes with referral. (MR)
 - Referring organizations will be able to see if referral was accepted, if transportation was addressed, if medication voucher was used—all automated and visual in real time.
 - Great resource for testing strips to go in harm reduction packs (Rasheema)
 - Martie can dropship cards of how to access telemedicine that are great for HR kits too.

- **Broome County Health Department Overdose Prevention Program Updates**
- **Overdose Prevention Program (OPP) quarterly data updates**
 - April -June 2025: 1089 Individuals Trained, 6,445 kits dispensed, 12,890 doses dispensed
 - If you have not yet submitted Quarter 2 data (April-June), we will still accept it: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1FpKda7RDkq1OkZFRKINsIE3XiFB45BAhASIoX8HtW1UNEZCUVhHV0dNVEISQ1EySk0yQzEyMlZNNi4u>
 - Please submit Quarter 3 data (July-Sept) by 10/10/25. You will receive a survey link via e-mail.
 - This year's numbers at six months (19,250 doses) almost equal all of 2024 (20,068)!
- **OOPP Staffing update and program updates**
 - Evaluator for OD2A and Public Health Public Safety Liaison are going to Legislature on Thursday for Year 3 (9/1/25-8/31/25) approval
 - Hotel/Motel unhoused outreach for Naloxone distribution
 - Tabled for future discussion
 - NYSDOH Alert: Health Advisory preliminary data indicate continuing transmission and a recent increase in new HIV diagnoses among people in a previously identified cluster with a history of injection drug use in Broome County. (See attached)
- **Agency/group announcements/program updates**
 - John Barry (STAP): An uptick in people testing HIV+ was higher than expected, not unprecedented, similar to spike in Fall of 2022. Transmission due to shared equipment with IV drugs. If there is an opportunity, refer people to testing at STAP, their medical provider, STAP community testing.
 - This is the reason why syringe exchange started in the 90s. Through the 80s, more half of HIV infections were due to people sharing injection equipment. SEPs are extremely successful, when there are flare-ups like this, we need to get people tested and get them treatment. We need the community's help with that.
 - CDC OD2A funds cannot be used to purchase smoking equipment, but there are some resources in community. (MK)
 - Distribution of some smoking equipment is available through an OASAS grant. (JB)
 - Q- What do you mean by "smoking equipment"? (Sidney Graham)
 - A- Glass pipes (JB)
 - Sidney Graham (Guthrie-Lourdes Youth Services) Recently formed a unique partnership when Ralphalla Richardson reached out to a local dispensary to provide cannabis education, lock bags and partnership to offer education and family nights at dispensaries to meet them where they are at.
 - BCHD presented to school nurses and how they can help families have conversations in different ways and how the conversation changes at different ages. (MK)
 - BCHD presented harm reduction information for HeadStart parents (MK)
 - As we all carry our messages into the community: non-traditional ways to reach families (SROs, back to school events, medication safety isn't just takeback days and prescriptions).
 - Liz Warneck (BCMH): Released a Mobile Crisis RFP. Increased funding to go towards an integrated approach to mental health and substance use disorder. RFP can be found on BidNet, closes 10/8.
 - Scott Rosman (UHS): busy responding to NYSDOH health advisory with outreach to those affected, offering PrEP/PEP, Hep C and HIV same day/week follow-up for treatment and prevention.
 - Jules Cole (PHEP): 8/20 is last day of IRT at Broome where community members can get medical, vision, and dental treatment without ID, insurance, or payment.
 - Steven Cornejo: still in transition, shadowing Stacy, and excited to be here.
 - Marissa Knapp (BCHD OPP): August 31, 2025: International Overdose Awareness Day, September is Recovery Month, let us know of events. See email for webinar about medetomidine, 5th Annual Overdose Awareness recognition from NYS on 9/10,

- Kathy Staples (Truth Pharm) Listening sessions for See Me, Hear Me, Treat Me around homelessness, medical and harm reduction services are being held this week with compensation for participants.
- Rasheema Wright (BU ATOD): BU Recovery panel 9/9/25, 3-5 pm at UUW 324
- Meeting Evaluation (Scan code below or <https://forms.office.com/g/GmP0b79Y1X>)



Let us know your preference for one presenter and keeping the 1.5-hour meeting or extending the meeting to two hours for two presenters.

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- **Meeting Adjourned**
- **Next BOAC Meeting: Thursday October 16, 2025 10am-11:30am**