



Broome Overdose Action Collaborative

September 14, 2023 | 10am-11:30am
Broome County Health Department, Conference Rooms A, B,C
225 Front Street Binghamton, NY 13905

Present: Susan Wheeler, Maria Fabrizi, Tom Mitchell, Christie Finch, Dan Shafer, Leigh Stevens, Josias Bertram, Carmela Pirich, Calvin Brown, Jillian Beloch, Miranda Bennett, Ariez Dohanich, Rasheema Wright, Dorian Feltner, Amanda Lewis, Amber Coyne, Megan Olmstead, Sarah King, Kathy Staples, Tina Tandoi, Angela Monico, Hannah Driskell, Erica Robinson, Kristin Oliver

1. Welcome, Call to Order, & Introductions

Marissa Knapp began the meeting at 10:07 and members went around the table to introduce themselves.

The sign-in sheet was passed around the table for members to sign in.

2. Moment of silence in memory of those we've lost and those struggling with substance use disorder.

3. Announcement & Strategic Plan/Workplan Integration Conversation

Marissa Knapp announced the Broome County Health Department was awarded the Center for Disease Control's Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A: LOCAL). Marissa Knapp thanked all the partners around the table, as the partner support was pivotal in receiving the grant. Mary McFadden shared that Marissa and Kristin worked tirelessly day and night for months to write this grant. Marissa Knapp mentioned the next smallest county that received the grant was over 800,000 in population. This new opportunity along with the settlement funds will increase funding 11x what is currently operating the overdose prevention initiatives. For anyone interested in seeing other funded jurisdictions they can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/od2a/funded-states.html>. Kristin presented on a broad overview on the OD2A: LOCAL grant and how the 3 identified BOAC strategic planning activities fit into the workplan.

4. Small group brainstorming

Members broke into groups of 5 and brainstormed subcommittees that can be incorporated as part of the structure of BOAC. Members were given handouts that provided an overview of the OD2A: LOCAL objectives, strategies, and activities and a worksheet to use to brainstorm.

5. Report out: The following is a summary of the groups proposed. * Are to indicate more than one group mentioned the potential subgroup

- Linkage and Retention in Care:
 - Community outreach
 - Peer Connections**
 - Care managers/after care (SPOA)*
 - Insurance advocates
 - Electronic Resources i.e. app development
 - Underserved group/barriers to care/social determinants of health**
 - SPOA/SUD after/pretreatment
 - Rural outreach**
 - Law enforcement/jail
 - Centralized services i.e. retention/reporting and OASAS reporting to centralized services
 - Community engagement/membership- space to discuss membership, who is missing, recruiting, creating a list of resources, and who is distributing supplies
 - Data/trends- not using the term surveillance as it sounds intimidating
 - Activities/events
- Harm Reduction
 - Media

- Rural focus (Narcan, first responder time, etc.)
- Prevention (in schools and communities)*
- Narcan supply/OOPP (harm reduction inventory, mapping)
- Community action/ lived experience*/ Persons who use drugs- to ensure those with lived experience and in active use are informing decisions, even is they are not present at BOAC
- Education*** i.e. goal to reduce stigma, teaching OD detection and rescue breathing, naloxone is not a cure all
- Law enforcement
- Peer services
- Availability to Narcan/Narcan best practices- education for beyond the standard agencies
- Stigma Reduction
 - Marketing- social media, education, ad campaigns, normalizing** i.e. education for media on guidelines/best practices for speaking about persons who use drugs, general public to normalize SUD as a disease
 - Racism, DEI group
 - Education/provider group
 - Basic needs/housing education (i.e. how to be a good renter, maintaining a household, less landlord stigma, etc.) + stigma (recovery housing- standards)
 - Advocacy & Empowerment- i.e. renters rights, eviction, apartment deficiencies, etc.
 - Marketing- Best practices to media with SUD population
- Clinician & Healthcare systems best practice
 - Training/education/professional development****- i.e. de-escalation
 - Community outreach & engagement**- i.e. how to treat, what language to use, and how to support
 - Ambulatory best practice*

- Education Committee
 - Policy and systems change committee
 - Surveillance
 - Data***- i.e. dissemination of data to the public, interagency data sharing
 - A note that the data should be ensured it's actionable. The “so what, now what” and getting it out to the community. Also ensuring data is not recreated and using current options.
 - Evaluation/tools for evaluation
 - Grant writing*
 - Opioid Settlement Funds group
6. The Broome County Health Department envisions BOAC would meet every other month or quarterly, and work will be done in subgroups that will meet at least monthly.

Announcements:

- The Broome County Health Department will be hiring positions for the OD2A: LOCAL grant. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Marissa Knapp. Information will be sent to BOAC members and will be on the Go Broome County page when the positions are posted.
- The Trail of Truth in Washington D.C. will be September 23rd in Union Square. More information can be found at the Trail of Truth website here: <https://www.trailoftruth.org/national> or the Trail of Truth Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrailofTruth>
- The DEA Take Back Day will be held at Otsiningo Park on Saturday October 28th from 9am-12pm. Volunteer information will be sent out this week.
- HEALing Communities Study is hosting a workshop “Redefining Recovery” at the Double Tree in Binghamton. The event will be held from 9am- 3:30pm, breakfast and lunch will be provided. The registration closes on September 19th and there are about 30 slots left. The flyer will be sent to BOAC members.
- Broome County Health Department awarded 7 agencies with grants from the Opioid Settlement Funds

Round 1. The second round of request for proposals is out until Sunday October 1st, information can be found at the Broome County Health Department website. Those that were awarded during the first round are not eligible to apply and receive funding in the second round. Information can be found here:

<https://gobroomecounty.com/hd>

**** A follow up email will be sent for next meeting date and voting to**

determine subgroups **