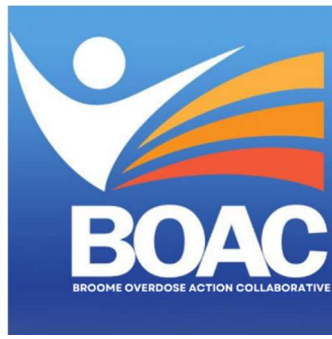




Tuesday August 11th at 9:00AM-10:30AM

Broome County Health Department: Conference Rooms A & B

225 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

9:01 AM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

9:03 AM

2. Moment of Silence, Meeting Expectations, Introductions

Alex Starmer (FCCS), John Chapman (BCDA), Kevin Maus (BCSO), Christina Charuk (Truth Pharm), Kathy Staples (Truth Pharm), Martie Ritz (MATTERS), Alexis Savidge (FPSCNY), Sydney Graham (GLYS), Megan Olmstead (BCMH), Kate Pritchard (CCN), Emily Davies (CCN), Katie Medinosky (BCDSS), Don Garren (VOICES), Michael Bender (BCOES), Chris Terry (BCOES), Tonya Ridgway (Helio), Erica Robinson (Helio), Lena Meyer, Jess Saeman (FCCS), Morgan Congdon (Conifer Park), Olivia Catalano (BCHD), Chris Streno (BCHD PHPSL), Marissa Knapp (BCHD OPP), Abby Kaiser (BCHD OPP), Michelle Bertoni (BCHD OPP), Scott Spicer (BCHD OPP)

9:06 AM

3. Presentation by: Olivia Catalano, MHA, Director of Public Health, Broome County Public Health

- Overview of programs available at BCHD-please see attached

9:26 AM

4. Broome County Health Department Overdose Prevention Program Updates

- Please see attached for suspected overdose and naloxone distribution numbers.
- Receiving more requests for Naloxboxes from churches
- Increase in people looking for sharps' containers
 - Law enforcement
 - BCHD will be receiving some from the state, and will be able to distribute
 - Kate Pritchard reports people looking for a Southside syringe drop-off, many discarded syringes in little park/ Conklin Ave riverbank.
 - Jess Saeman will do some syringe pick-up when dropping off supplies.
 - BCHD OPP will bring this concern to meeting with Binghamton mayor.
 - Megan Olmstead reports community member concern about syringes at Saratoga Housing
 - Discussion of the hesitancy of accepting syringes revolving around paying for disposal.

- Legally whoever gives them to you should dispose of them, but many times they refuse, perhaps advocacy work and education around syringe disposal would be helpful for the public and the health care system
 - Reminder that laundry detergent jugs can be used as a receptacle.
 - BCHD OPP will dispose of syringes brought to BCHD.
 - Marissa offered arranging a sharps pick-up training at a future BOAC meeting.
- Community Naloxboxes
 - BCHD OPP has created stickers with a QR code that brings up a pre-populated email to overdoseprevention@broomecountyny.gov to facilitate refilling of empty boxes and can be added to boxes managed by any of the community partners: ACBC, Truth Pharm, and UHS. Any emails will be passed on to the agency responsible for that box.
 - If anyone wants to host a Naloxbox, BCHD OPP can provide several types.
- 2026 OSF RFP
 - Recipients have been notified of moving forward in the process
 - The proposal is going to the legislature next week and will be announced once approved.
- NYSACHO Harm Reduction Conference
 - Submitted four abstracts which will be presented in one session: public health public safety liaison, harm reduction vending machines, Naloxboxes and awareness campaign, and wound care and wellness products.
 - Upcoming NYSACHO webinar focusing on polysubstance use: 8/27, 11am
- CDC Language Update
 - Terms being flagged and discouraged at the federal level include: harm reduction, stigma, people who use drugs (PWUD), vulnerable, SDOH, unhoused/homeless, equity. The focus is turning to prevention of drug use rather than prevention of overdoses.
 - Megan Olmstead shared that the prevention grant can no longer purchase Detera bags or lockboxes/bags.
- Future Presenters
 - We've recently heard from Care Compass, Conifer Park, and the health department, is anyone interested in sharing? MATTERS
 - Is there interest in subject matter presentations?
- Chris Streno, PHPSL
 - Coordinated Overdose Response Effort (CORE) has had several meetings
 - Action oriented group made up of law enforcement and employees directly interfacing with PWUD
 - Start a group email to communicate unofficially about what is seen in the community to increase info sharing among partners
 - Schuyler County was recently recognized for their leave-behind program with Sheriff and EMS. Broome may be the first county with all municipalities on board.

5. Agency/group announcements/program updates

- August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day
- September is Recovery Month
- Family & Children's: Jess Saeman will be leaving but has enjoyed working with everyone
- Helio
 - Tabling at Speidie Fest had conversations with many people (in recovery, people with experience at Helio) gave out many brochures this year under their own

- tent. In previous years they were under a community radio tent which brought more interaction with family members and marketing giveaways.
 - Launched Critical Time Intervention (CTI) is a short-term, phase-based, case management model that provides intensive support during critical times. CTI is for Adults 18+ being discharged from an inpatient psychiatric hospital, Emergency Room, or CPEP setting. Considerations can be made for individuals who are in crisis, precariously housed or homeless, or transitioning from incarceration/prison. Individuals must be referred from inpatient psychiatric hospital, Emergency Room, or CPEP setting.
 - The Broome County Team Lead for CTI is Elizabeth Pisani-Woodruff, who you may meet as Erica introduces her to resources in Broome.
- VOICES
 - Looking for peer specialist with lived experience as a problem gambler in recovery
 - Overdose Awareness Day Event with speakers and BBQ 8/31/26
 - Recovery Day Celebration 9/12/26, 11am-3 pm at CFJ Park
 - Connect with Don or Murph if you would like to table at the event
- Care Compass Network
 - RTIC 7th Annual Partnering for a Resilient Community Learning Symposium on November 5, 2026, at Tioga Downs Resort with theme of The Sustainable Why: Grounded in Purpose, Driven by Grit, sets the stage for an inspiring day of connection, reflection, and practical learning.
 - Conference Room is available for use
 - Enhanced services being offered through social care network navigators
- Broome County Mental Health/BC SAFE/Prevention Coalition
 - BC SAFE 7th Chalk the Walk, Have the Talk will be September 10th – 20th, 2026. If you want to request chalk for your agency you can do so through our BCSAFE email: bcsafe@broomecountyny.gov
 - The theme this year is: World is brighter with you in it with the moon
 - BCSAFE will be at LUMA on Friday September 11th
 - Chalk delivery and pick-up coming soon--not too late to sign up
 - Prevention Coalition of Broome County (PCBC) is coordinating with our local school districts for the Prevention Needs Assessment in the fall. Have a majority of the schools involved this survey cycle.
 - PCBC next coalition meeting is Thursday September 24th at 8:30AM at the BCMHD Conference Room.
 - If agencies or clients need lock-bags Megan has a supply of them – reach out to her via email to get some.
- Guthrie Lourdes Youth Services
 - Student Assistance Program (SAP): fully staffed at CF, CV, WP, Windsor, CF, UE
 - Presence in Deposit and other local schools through outreach
- MATTERS
 - Partnering with Chenango Memorial Hospital for HRVMs-one at Norwich and one in Sidney
 - Partnered with VPD and now there are OneBoxes with video in all Vestal buildings and parks with all maintenance trained
 - Rapid methadone referrals are live in NYC and Long Island; coming to ROS in Fall
 - Walk-in hours of partners are now visible on website
 - Syringe service ordered to NY address (not PO)
 - Direct on website--1 time 6-minute application get ordering code, every 30 days get up to 200 syringes--can edit to fit individual needs

- Also, right now fanny packs, waterproof bag, hygiene items, blankets, and more are available to order through syringe services
- Truth Pharm
 - DoogiePalooza August 15, 2026, 2005 NYS Rt. 79, Windsor, 10am-see attached
 - Trail of Truth August 22, 2026, at 92 Court St. Binghamton, 12-7pm-see attached
- BC District Attorney
 - John Chapman has been meeting people from organizations as he helps to reduce overdoses in Broome County in his new role at the DA's office.
 - Will soon have details of overdose occurrences and will be reaching out in post-vention and is looking for collaboration with peers.
- Conifer Park
 - Will be at Stomp Out Stigma Day at the NYS Fair, September 3, 2026, 10 am

6. Meeting evaluation

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 2:00PM-3:30PM