



Tuesday January 13, 2026, 9:00am-10:30am
Broome County Health Department: Conference Rooms A & B
225 Front Street Binghamton, NY 13905

9:00 AM

1. Welcome, Call to Order, & Housekeeping

2. Moment of Silence & Meeting Expectations

9:04 AM

3. Introductions: Morgan Congdon-Conifer Park, Kathy Staples-Truth Pharm, Tami Robinson-Binghamton Housing Authority, Don Garren-VOICES, Murph Shea-VOICES, Ben Harting-BCSO, Erica Robinson-Helio, Lena Meyer-Helio, John Barry-STAP, Leigh Stevens-Hope Foundation, Alexis Savidge- FPSCNY, Dustin Ross-Guthrie ED, Jess Saeman-FCCS, Cal Brown-UHS, Judy AuPont-ACBC, Megan Olmstead-BCMh, Liz Warneck-BCMh, Alicia Detrick-Office for Aging, Kate Pritchard-Fidelis, Paul Suarez-SUNY Broome CASAC Intern, Amber Frew-ACBC, Hannah Driskell-BCSO, Raymond-Public Defender Intern, Kiannah King-Public Defender Intern, Steven Cornejo STCAC, Chris Streno-BCHD OPP PHPSL, Marissa Knapp-BCHD OPP, Michelle Bertoni-BCHD OPP, Scott Spicer-BCHD OPP, Abby Kaiser-BCHD OPP, Dr Lazarus Gehring, BCHD Medical Director, Olivia Catalano-BCHD Direction

9:11 AM

4. Presentation by: Christopher Streno, Public Health-Public Safety Liaison
Overdose Prevention Program
Brainstorming

- Please see attached Presentation
- Chris shared about professional history and how his view of people who use drugs has evolved over time. He now understands that trauma, poverty, and resources can impact drug use. He recognizes the whole person, not just their offenses and believes enforcement alone will not change the situation. Chris is providing training for public safety with topics of ODMAPS, Narcan availability in Broome County, educating about the impact of stigma, and promoting the use

of person-centered language and Leave-behind naloxone distribution. He will be restarting the Peer Response meetings this spring.

9:30 AM

- Comments:
 - John Barry wanted to push back on the idea of harm reduction being touchy feely because people might believe that harm reduction is a good idea just because it saves a lot of taxpayer dollars on medical care.
 - Paul Suarez shared that the SUNY Broome CASAC program has a peer network response that meets with criminal justice and emergency services students, so those new to the field will have experience in collaborating with public safety.
 - Jess Saeman thanked Chris for sharing his personal connections to substance use and how his perspective has changed.

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- Brainstorming—Please see attached file
 - Thank you for sharing your experiences which shed light on positive experiences (empathy, non-confrontational) and areas where development is needed (knowledge of resources, not assuming everyone wants help, not listening to those at the scene)

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5. Broome County Health Department Overdose Prevention Program

10:03 AM

- Programming Updates
 - Awaiting further guidance from CDC
 - Cannot mention homeless or unhoused
 - Cannot reference the Never Use Alone Hotline or messaging that includes “go slow” or anything that can be seen as promoting drug use
 - CDC is using “community-based overdose prevention” in place of “harm reduction”
 - Agency was denied advertising and could not be a sponsor of the NTSB campaign because they align with harm reduction.

10:07 AM

- Annual OOPP and overdose data
 - See slide for numbers of people trained and kits/doses distributed
 - 154% increase in naloxone distribution across the county
 - Anecdotally we know not all overdoses are captured and suspected non-fatal overdoses will never be accurate due to civilian reversals
 - 65% decrease in suspected fatal overdoses since 2022 (per ODMAPS data)
 - Community reports of people being charged for naloxone
 - Morgan Congdon asked if there is a taskforce in Broome similar to Onondaga to track overdoses. Marissa Knapp shared that peers ride along with police to follow up on recent overdoses. Amber Frew explained that ACBC peers make contact to offer assistance, resources, care management, food, etc.
 - Chris Streno shared plans to improve overdose reporting in real time.

- Marissa Knapp asked if partners hear of a spike in overdoses, bad batch, etc. to share it with OPP so that it can be shared with BOAC as that will present itself before Steven Cornejo can see a pattern in reports.
 - John Barry shared drug checking program process that is used at STAP.
 - BCHD is still looking for rural Naloxbox host sites if you know anyone willing.
 - Look for settlement fund RFP to be released with a March due date and June 1, 2026 start date.
- NYS Narcan distribution discussion
 - NYS recognizes Broome as a leader in distribution so they can send a lot
 - If your agency needs a large amount of Narcan, palettes (expiration dates that are at least two years out) can be sent until 2/14/26.
 - BCHD can help facilitate and place the order for your agency's address

6. Agency/group announcements/program updates

- As of June 9, 2026, Conifer Park will be a Tobacco Limited Program with store sealed cigarettes allowed for up to eight breaks a day (Morgan Congdon).
- Flu and COVID vaccines are available at BCHD through Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) programs. One can qualify for VFC if they are 0-18, uninsured, underinsured, enrolled in Medicaid or Child Health Plus, or of Native American/ Native Alaskan heritage. One can qualify if they are uninsured, underinsured, or incarcerated (no matter what their insurance status is). (Olivia Catalano)
- Rumble Ponies are considering hosting a Naloxbox, and open to the idea of an alcohol-free section. Call and voice your support with Rumble Ponies and Black Bears for these measures. (Marissa Knapp)
- Truth Pharm is scheduling listening sessions for See Me, Hear Me, Treat Me for medical providers, reach out to schedule dates. (Kathy Staples)

7. Meeting evaluation (click the link)

- <https://forms.office.com/g/kp8jqYDTKm>

Next BOAC Meeting: Wednesday March 18, 2026, 2:00pm-3:30pm