



Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 9:00-10:30AM

Broome County Health Department: Conference Rooms A & B

225 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

9:03 AM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Reminder that there will be kit making at the end of the meeting
- Highlight graduations of members here today: Michelle Bertoni, MCH; Britt Riso, MSW, Paul Suarez, CASAC

9:04 AM

2. Moment of Silence, Meeting Expectations, Introductions

- Attendees: Andrew Kilburn, Steven Cornejo, Emma Nalin, Tyler Sienko (parks intern), Amanda Florance, Kristin Beylo, Kathy Staples, Alicia Detrick, Tonya Ridgway, Lena Meyer, Erica Robinson, Michael Bender, Britt Riso, Megan Olmstead, Emily Davies, Andrea Nunez, David Brennan, Murph Shea, Paul Suarez, Morgan Congdon, Paul Faulk, Kate Pritchard, Jess Saeman, Olivia Catalano, Marissa Knapp, Michelle Bertoni, Scott Spicer, Abby Kaiser

9:11 AM

3. Presentation by: Emily Davies, Learning and Development Specialist, Care Compass

- Please see attached presentation
- Questions/Comments
 - Kathy Staples:
 - Social Care Network (SCN) is a fantastic “in conjunction” program, e.g. providing furniture, provides opportunities, establishing new lives after treatment.
 - It allows for changing lives and providing opportunities that could not otherwise be achieved.
 - It's a lot of work to be part of social care network, and word is spreading. If you have capacity to be partner organization for social care network; please do so.
 - Emily Davies:
 - Available through 2027 and working to find ways to continue services
 - Looking for next steps and bridge programs
 - Kristin Beylo:
 - Who can be a screening agency?

9:28 AM

- Anyone working with Medicaid, e.g. Guthrie Lourdes, UHS, Rural Health network, Truth Pharm (screening, navigating, housing assistance provider)
- Has an agreement partnership with Care Compass Network
- Self-service online screening tool to be self-screened (or help a client complete self-screening) but navigators help with context, e.g. clients might answer the question that they have a place to stay, but navigator can parse out that it's staying on their cousin's couch that is not under their own control.
- Anyone 17+ years old can be screened
- Screenings can be quick—done while tabling
- Navigator coordinates services, not screener
- Emily Davies
 - Also offer nutrition assistance
 - Food boxes
 - Hands-on training for cooking (ex. Individuals leaving foster care)
 - Food eligibility is six months longer than SCN eligibility.
 - SNAP eligible while getting SCN nutrition assistance, SNAP can take up to 45 days and this can help bridge that gap.
 - CCN assistance is available 7 days a week
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- Michelle Bertoni
 - How long does help with housing take?
 - Depends on situation
 - Ex. If received an eviction notice, need help with rent, navigator can talk to landlords and SCN can provide help with back rent
 - Unhoused is a longer process than losing housing
- Kristin Beylo
 - Are there supportive services to teach budgeting, e.g. groceries vs. dining out?
 - SCN provides case management which could include education
- Kate Pritchard (Fidelis)
 - Able to help with managed care enrollment for eligibility
- Jess Saeman
 - If someone needs a mental health diagnosis, Family & Children's Counseling Services is open 8-3 M-F on Main St., Binghamton with assessments available
 - Walk-ins accepted, the earlier the better
 - Individual can walk in and say "I need to have an intake done"
 - 1 page consent, releases, and PHI with intake coordinator
 - Offer case management, SUD services, MH clinician, PHQ9, violence risk assessment
- Britt Riso
 - If someone gets OPWDD services, would they be eligible for SCN?
 - It depends on services needed

4. Broome County Health Department Overdose Prevention Program Updates

- Coordinated Overdose Response/Peer Meeting
 - First meeting 5/6/26; divided into healthcare, public safety and community agency groups to discuss trends, successes, & barriers

- Looking to include public facing employees who work directly with PWUD- shared by BOAC member
- Next Meeting: TBA- Health Department conference rooms have conflict with scheduled meeting. Stay tuned for confirmation or new meeting day and time.
- Naloxone data
 - 2nd Quarter (April-June) Due 7/8/26
 - BHS students were aware of Naloxbox locations around school at recent presentation
 - Whitney Point has Naloxboxes on school campus
- Empty Naloxboxes?
 - Let BCHD OPP know if you see them for now
 - Kate dropped naloxone off at park near FPSCNY where needles have been disposed of in dugouts, open to taking more
 - Will ensure that park is on the list when meeting with Mayor Kraham
- Other Naloxbox sites?
 - Urban League
 - M-E trained in 2018
 - U-E foodbank has graphics of Naloxbox locations
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5. Agency/group announcements/program updates

- Truth Pharm:
 - Opioid Overdose Education naloxone access bill at Senate now
 - Makes training part of high school education
 - No senator is carrying it yet, but Lea Webb may pick it up.
 - Tompkins County has adopted; Broome could with advocacy
 - See Me, Hear Me, Treat Me at BCPL tonight
- Guthrie:
 - See attached information for school programming in CF, CV, Windsor, & UE
- Care Compass:
 - Virtual Adult Mental Health First Aid Training upcoming-see website
- Fidelis:
 - Deposit held wellness fair in response to overdose crisis
 - School and UHS staff are supportive of agencies, but community hasn't been coming inside so they are looking for outside venues
 - Denise and Laura are both retiring—previous success in coordinating with Laura to hand out resources at the drive through food pick-up
 - May 20 Event in front of the School Resource Building in Endicott with grocery giveaway
- NYS Assembly 123rd District—Donna Lupardo/David Brennan
 - Bill 10060: Authorizes high schools to include opioid overdose prevention and non-intravenous opioid antagonist administration as optional part of required health education courses; authorizes certain students to administer non-intravenous opioid antagonists.
 - As the budget drags on and there are only 3 weeks left in session for it to move forward, it may not make it to the floor

- VOICES: Community event May 29, 11 AM-3 PM with dignitaries, food, and tabling
 - Looking to hire someone with gambling lived experience to facilitate group
- SUNY Broome Chemical Dependency Peer Network Group
 - Gave out naloxone at three events this semester, looking to do six next semester
- BCHD
 - Community Health Assessment (CHA) released
 - Open to new members if you would like to work on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
 - 3 priorities are: housing, poverty, anxiety & stress
 - Both tobacco programs are monitoring as the FDA approved flavored vapes and are marketing devices with Bluetooth, text, music
 - Olivia is available to present about all health department services
 - Broome Legislature is working with Albany to bring more resources for housing
- UHS
 - Continuing to work to expand naloxone access
- FCCS
 - Low threshold buprenorphine is available at Family & Children's
- Rural Health
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid at RHN July 30, 2026
 - Looking to hold five mental health trainings with naloxone training by the end of July if your group is interested
 - Mental Health First Aid, QPR, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Talk Saves Lives
 - Have Detera bags available

Thanks to those who were able to help with making kits—we made over 600 in 1.5 hours!!

Next BOAC Meeting: August 11, 9-10:30 AM