

BROOME OPIOD ABUSE COUNCIL

December 2, 2016

Present: Jill Alford-Hammitt, Diane Brown, Carole Cassidy, Katie Cusano, Arthur Garrison, Arthur Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Lee Livermore, Tom Morellino, Kate Newcomb, Debra Preston, Dr. Christopher Ryan, Raymond Serowik, Kara Skellett, Susan Wheeler
Absent: Robin Alpaugh, John Bernardo, Sean Britton, Megan D'Introno, David Harder, Jill Lloyd, Jerry Marinich, Jum Mullins, Kimberly Newell, Dennis O'Keefe, Gabe Osterhout, Dr. Peter Ronan, Alan Wilmarth, Lorraine Wilmont

Announcements:

- Nancy Johnson from YWCA and Kara Skellett, Drug Free Communities Grant Coordinator, were introduced. Kara begins work on December 15th. Carole Cassidy will retire on December 30th and Kara will be the project Coordinator.
- The US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York, Broome Opioid Abuse Council, Binghamton Police Department, and Broome County Sherriff's Office are sponsoring "Understanding and Preventing Heroin and Prescription Opioid Abuse- How We Solve It?" on December 14th, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Broome County Library. Michael Nerney, former Director of the Training Institute of Narcotic and Drug Research, will present on the science of addiction and the brain.
- Carole distributed copies of the 2016 BOAC Semi-Annual Report. It will be posted on the website.
- There is pending litigation- County of Broom vs. Purdue Pharma. In anticipation of this legislation all documentation with connection to opioid overdose deaths should be maintained.
- BOAC received a \$7,110.70 grant from the George and Margaret MEE Foundation to purchase community prescription drug collection units. One will be placed at the Endicott Police Station and the other across from the Security Office in the Broome County Office Building. There is a need for one to be placed in the North region of the County. Lee said that Onodaga County has a SNADD (Sharps, Needles, and Drug Disposal) program that has eight police departments participating.
- Carole was on a panel this morning at the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Eggs and Issues meeting, to address businesses in the community to discuss BOAC's work and accomplishments.
- Because of the increased emphasis on more intense prosecutions there was an expressed concern that there may be more of a hesitation to call for help when someone is overdosing.

Community Education Committee:

- The committee has not met in a couple of months but has a meeting scheduled for December.
- A sports injury forum was held at Susquehanna Valley High School in October. There was an excellent panel, who are all willing to participate again in future events. Additional forums will be scheduled; Deposit, Chenango Valley, and Windsor schools have indicated interest. Lee spoke to the NYS Conference of Health and Athletic Directors as and entry point for more momentum in the schools.

- The Student Assistance Program (Lourdes Youth Services) will expand in February to put a counselor in the Binghamton, Chenango Forks, Deposit, and Newark Valley school districts and the BOCES Learning Center.

Law Enforcement Committee:

- Kate Newcomb reported that Jim Hawley (HIDTA) attended training in Baltimore where he viewed a multi-agency, multi-county telephone database for drug investigations. He will get additional information on the program and licensing fees.
- Approximately 80 people have been helped through the Sherriff's Assisted Recovery Initiative Program (SARI) since March 30th, 2016 with an 85% utilization rate.
- Mike Hatch, Crisis Intervention Coordinator, is working with local police departments responding to calls and provides training on how to assist individuals who may be emotionally disturbed.

Treatment and Prevention Committee:

- The House of Representatives passed a bill, which is before the Senate, with significant mental health components. It embeds medical leadership in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and improves how the federal government finances and manages evidence-based mental health services.
- The Walsh family submitted an application to OASAS for a license to open a for-profit outpatient substance abuse clinic locally.
- Dr. Julia Hunter and Lena Ladue from United Health Services presented "The Hub and Spoke System" to the Treatment and Prevention committee. They are running a Baby Basics Program for pregnant women with opioid use disorder. Dr. Hunter is also working with Alan Wilmarth to expand the methadone program at UHS.
- There are currently four women in the YWCA Bridge Program with two more women anticipating placement. The total capacity is 8 women.
- Katie is working with a group to complete SAMSHA System of Care Grant application which is due January 3rd, 2017. Localities can now apply for the expansion grant of \$1 million per year for four years. This grant would expand the Promise Zone model to provide additional school-based mental health services as well as early childhood intervention.
- All 18 beds at the new women's residence at Fairview are occupied.
- Addiction Center of Broome County's (ACBC) new ambulatory detox unit has been delayed but should be open by early 2017.
- The Vivitrol Program in the Jail is going well.
- Through the Drug Free Communities Grant the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey is being administered in ten school districts, possibly eleven; the data will be analyzed and released sometime in the spring.

Education of Medical Professionals Committee:

- Ray Serowik (EMS) provided Naloxone training for 110 Broome County Department of Social Services (DSS) staff. Training was also provided for nine nurses in the Vestal School District and they have requested Naloxone kits in each of their buildings. Due to a product recall, there is a shortage of Naloxone Nasal Spray.

- There have been 122 administrations of Naloxone under the Health Department's program with the majority by the Johnson City Police department- 40; Binghamton Police Department-35; Broome County Sherriff's Office-29. The NYS Police program administered 22. The highest months were August with 11 and 10 each in July and September. Refresher training will be provided at the Law Enforcement Academy in January.
- Tom Morellino will begin the third phase of the Opioid Prescription Detailing Project soon. During the second phase, he saw 121 physicians, 64 nurse practitioners or physician assistants, and 34 dentists. It is sometimes difficult to gain access to providers; however, they are receptive once Tom meets with them.
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued new guidelines for opioid prescribing. Medicare hospital reimbursement has been based on the answers to three pain management questions during a hospital stay. Medicare removed those questions from their survey out of concern that the questions were influencing more frequent or higher doses of opioids for hospitalized patients.
- Dr. Ryan continues to work with the Rotary to bring a prescription drug take-back box to the Medicine Shoppe on Vestal Avenue in Binghamton. The CVS on Harry L Drive has the mail back envelopes available.

The next meeting is **January 6, 2017** at 10:00 am in Conference Room A at the Broome County Health Department.