



## Broome Opioid Awareness Council & Drug Free Communities

April 6, 2018 | 10 a.m. - Noon  
Conference Rooms B & C • Broome County Health Department

- Present:** Jill Alford-Hammitt, Scott Baker, Megan Brockett, Eunice Champlin, Stacey Echorst, Maria Fabrizi, Emily Gagnon, Jeremiah Harvey, Stephania Hazelett, Wendy Hunter, Denton Johnson, Rebecca Kaufman, Kyle King, Marissa Lamphere, Jill Lloyd, Mary McFadden, Erin Monroe, Elora Oraxio, Michael Ponticiello, Kristy Roth, Dr. Christopher Ryan, Armond Scipione, Raymond Serowik, Pastor John Snider, Penny Stringfield, Susan Wheeler, Alan Wilmarth, Terry Carey for Lorraine Wilmot
- Absent:** Katelyn Albright, Scott Baker, John Barry, Lisa Bobby, Iris Borilla, Theresa Bovier, Diane Brown, Valerie Datta, Rich David, Megan D'Introno, Jason Garnar, John Gartman, Matthew Gawors, Phil Ginter, Earl Greene, Andrea Guccia, Pastor Will Hampton, David Harder, Jim Hawley, JJ Hefley, Dr. Julia Hunter, Erika Kalgren, Laurie Keller, Saima Khan, Amber Kida, Carole Kuklis, Lee Livermore, Donna Lupardo, Haley McCrory, Kevin McManus, Heidi Mikeska, Jim Mullins, Kim Myers, Michele Napolitano, Kate Newcomb, Kimberly Newell, Dennis O'Keefe, Carmela Pirich, Dr. Peter Ronan, Bouakham Rosetti, Thomas Skura, Eric Velzis, Colleen Wagner, Jeffrey Wagner, Chris Whalen, Nancy Williams, Katie Young, Dr. John Zevan

**Call to Order:** Rebecca Kaufman, Director of Public Health, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made. The February 2, 2018 meeting minutes were placed on file.

Rebecca introduced Ginger Gibson from Reuters in Washington DC who was present to gather information for a story on the opioid epidemic and how it was being addressed in cities and counties to tell the national story as more action is being requested at the federal level.

Marissa Lamphere was introduced as the Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator for the Health Department. Maria Fabrizi, Drug Free Communities Program Coordinator, is focused on prevention and families. Marissa will work with her to help coordinate efforts that do not fit with the Drug Free Communities grant objectives.

Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare had their ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday and admitted their first patient this morning.

**Opioid Prevention Activities:** Armond Scipione, Law Enforcement Officer for the US Attorney's Office in New York, was in attendance to learn more about what Broome County is doing to fight the opioid epidemic. He has had discussions with Jim Hawley about OD mapping and the fact that we cannot arrest our way out of this epidemic. The office has been going around the northern district to provide presentations at schools and community events. They begin with the movie, Sharing the Dragon, and then have a panel discussion with 8-12 representatives from the FBI, DEA, Department of Justice, first responders, parents who have lost someone, people in recovery, etc. They have had good attendance at these events. There is an excellent moderator for these events who discuss the path to recovery to lead the discussion. A question was raised as to whether surveys were conducted following these presentations to see whether they changed perceptions to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentations. They have not been done for these presentations. Jill Alford-Hammitt will work with Armond Scipione to schedule an event in our area utilizing this moderator. We will develop a

short survey to be conducted following the presentation to see if we managed to get what we wanted out of the presentation. Erin Monroe said they sometimes ask for questions beforehand at student assemblies so they can answer them during the presentation.

**ACBC Center of Treatment Innovation Program and Peer Response Team Update:** Jill Lloyd, Family Navigator for ACBC, presented information on their activities. They received a COTI (Centers of Innovation) grant for Tompkins and Tioga Counties focusing on the rural population who had difficulty accessing services. Eight grants (covering sixteen counties) were awarded across of the state as part of the state targeted response and seven Centers of Treatment Innovation were established. In January, the state asked ACBC to add another team in Broome County. They have vans for rural areas that have a secure conference area in them to perform confidential assessments. They also have satellite office space in other counties. The Southern Tier AIDS Program provided space in Tioga County and the Rescue Mission in Tompkins's County. Two more vehicles will be purchased for Broome County to perform assessments and transport people to inpatient and/or detox services. Individuals can take advantage of the telehealth component. The COTI team expanded hours to 8am–11pm Monday through Friday and 8am-8pm on Saturdays. They will have an 8-hour shift up and running on Sundays soon.

The COTI grant is measuring quality control and efficiencies to report data to OASAS to determine the success of the initiative. They are considering providing support at the Broome County Jail and they do a lot of work with the Broome County Public Defender's Office. ACBC has been performing wellness checks utilizing overdose maps to provide services using the Step Toward Treatment model. The number of wellness checks is increasing; people are reaching out to ACBC and being connected to services. Peer counselors are attending arraignments to make connections. They provide Naloxone training and community outreach. Jill has been providing family navigation at emergency departments and they are looking at setting up offices in Windsor and Whitey Point. They would like to schedule roundtable discussion with treatment providers to expedite the warm handoff process. Peer counselors offer support to individuals in their recovery journey and facilitate referrals to treatment while continuing to provide support throughout the continuum of care.

There will be an open house at ACBC on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**Drug Free Communities Grant Activities:** Maria Fabrizi, DFC Program Coordinator

- Maria and Katie Young attended a CADCA conference where they were informative presentations on alcohol and marijuana
- April is Alcohol Awareness Month. The alcohol-free Rumble Ponies game is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> as part of We Care Wednesdays. Alcohol concessions will be taken down on that night. Lourdes Youth Services ran a poster contest and the winner will throw out the first pitch. This will be a tabling event with books on prevention available as well as other activities.
- An event is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Broome County Forum about Cannabis Commercialization from a public health perspective. Jody Hensley, a Massachusetts legislator will present. She is a citizen activist on state marijuana issues who will discuss the process of legalization in Massachusetts.
- Maria is collaborating with Erin Monroe from Binghamton University to conduct a community assessment regarding substance use and perceptions in the community. Some Binghamton University students were in attendance. The Community Based Research Class is analyzing problems and trends and one product that are working on is community assessment of drug use. They are contacting community providers about perception and what direction we should take. They will work with Binghamton and Johnson City High Schools to understand their perceptions and what they can tell us about substance use. They are looking at gaps in services. They are looking at environmental factors, community level factors, individual level factors,

and interpersonal level with peers about drug use and misuse. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Community Education Committee:**

- Jill Alford-Hammitt reported that the committee has organized about 25 panel discussions on heroin awareness and sport injury forums in the community. Chenango Valley School District is interested in a sport injury forum which will be scheduled for August before the fall athletic programs start.
- The Social Norms Misconception Campaign is taking place in school districts. Meetings have been held at Windsor, Chenango Valley and Maine-Endwell school districts.
- They have been discussing student representation at BOAC meetings and Community Education Committee workgroups.
- The underage drinking prevention poster contest is ending. Winners will be announced at a press conference.
- PreVenture workshops are being held in Windsor and Whitney Point during April.
- A press conference for poster winners will be held. The Sheriff's Department will be there to discuss prom and graduation STOP-DWI checks.
- Lourdes Youth Services signed contracts with Chenango Valley and Union Endicott school districts to put student assistance counselors at their schools.
- They have working on prevention activities in rural areas and prevention programming at Whitney Point, Harpursville and Windsor school districts and working with athletes in Afton, Windsor, and Bainbridge-Guilford to provide evidence-based programming.
- Jill and someone from Lourdes Sports Medicine program will present to Vestal School District faculty in May.

**Membership Committee:** The committee has not met.

#### **Media and Advocacy Committee:**

- Mini grants will be awarded on behalf of Broome County and BOAC. \$25,000 is available for community agencies to address the opioid overdose prevention activities. Applications are due by the end of the month and activities need to be completed by the end of the year.
- The Prescription Rx Campaign is almost complete. Three radio conglomerates and four television stations have been running commercials. An evaluation report for the campaign will be provided at the May meeting.
- The US Surgeon General made a call to action to have people training on Naloxone administration. There will be training on May 10 and 11 for Broome County employees and there will be a public forum. Information will be sent out.

**Law Enforcement Committee:** The committee has not met.

#### **Treatment and Prevention Committee:**

- The Professional Advisory Group met yesterday. Treatment providers have been very busy. Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare was there for the first time and there was a lot of discussion about working together.
- There was discussion about the ambivalence by some primary care providers to prescribe Naloxone. Two Addiction Fellowes will go to offices to encourage physicians to participate in the waiver program. Two waiver training sessions have been provided and another one is scheduled in May. We need to follow the hub and spoke model with the Methadone Clinic being the hub to move patients to primary care physicians to provide buprenorphine. There are mentors available to help with the comfort level. Two providers have met their capacity of 30 which will go to 100 soon. Dr. Ryan met with both hospitals to lessen concerns to

discuss what was holding primary care physicians back. There is always some concern when adding a new treatment in the practice. There was a misconception that they could not prescribe Buprenorphine unless there was a Social Worker in the practice. There is some concern that they would not be able to meet the needs of the patients. Primary care providers are being advised that they can refer patients back to the clinic at UHS for counseling. There is still a stigma that management of patients with an addiction is labor intensive. Management of patients with Buprenorphine is not complex. All UHS family practice and internal medicine residents are being trained. Jill Loyd has been working with the Cornerstone Health Clinic and could work with primary care providers.

- The OD mapping group continues to meet to refine data. There was discussion about releasing data about OD mapping to the public. Concern was raised about the economic impacts of doing so and adding stigma to marginalized neighborhoods. This group will review the data first.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. There is a toolkit on the DEA website. All locations in Broome County plan to participate.

**Data and Statistics Committee:**

- The committee is struggling to get access to opioid prescribing data.
- Dr. Eggleston, a toxicologist with the NYS Poison Control Center will be invited to a future BOAC meeting to discuss emerging drugs in the pre-hospital environment. He recently presented to EMS providers.

**Rural Committee:**

- An event is scheduled with a church in Lisle to provide a showing of the Hungry Heart movie which looks at prescription drug and opiate addiction. There will be a roundtable discussion to see what community members feel are unmet needs in the area.

**Next Meeting:** The next BOAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Broome County Health Department in conference rooms B and C.