



Broome Opioid Awareness Council & Drug Free

October 4, 2019 | 10 a.m. - Noon
Conference Rooms B & C • Broome County Health Department

Present: Jill Alford-Hammitt, Scott Baker, Megan Brockett, Courtney Cashman, Ashley Griffis-Eddinger, John Klenchik, Jim Hawley, Marissa Lamphere, Jill Lloyd, Mary McFadden, Elaine Miller, Erin Monroe, Alexis Pleus, Dr. Christopher Ryan, Raymond Serowik, Pastor John Snider, Timothy Swan, Andrew Sweet, Susan Wheeler, Nancy Williams

Call to Order:

Marissa Lamphere, Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator, issued the Call to Order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Addiction Center of Broome County:

- Andrew Sweet, acting as a peer advocate, gave an update on what the ACBC peers provide in the community. He explained how the peers meets clients “where they’re at” and refers them to outside sources in the community to provide housing, insurance, food, treatment, Narcan, and any other resources they can connect clients with. One limitation to the data is the overlap between the four indicators.
- ACBC working closely with Lourdes and their social workers in the hospital also referring people in the community to services. For more information, contact ACBC.
- Another peer advocate, Tim, has been working alongside veterans with substance use disorders and referring them to services in the community Tim is a veteran himself so has been able to make great connections with potential clients.
- Ashley is a Family Navigator who started in August and works in ACBC’s Endicott location. She is currently working with concerned significant others, families, and loved ones of those living with someone living with a substance abuse disorder. All her services are free, and she is actively recruiting new families and clients. For further questions, she can be reached at 607-205-1296 ext. 170.

Data and Statistics Committee:

- Ray Serowik from Emergency Services presented updated 911 data, which will be posted on the BOAC website.

Prevention Coalition:

- Marissa Lamphere updated the group on behalf of Maria Fabrizi from the Prevention Coalition of Broome County. The two have been meeting with schools to continue “the Buzz” community education.

- In addition, Maria will be sharing PNA data with Broome County Health and Human Services Legislative Committee on Wednesday 10/9.
- Marissa updated she is working with Binghamton University's MPH students on Prescription Drug drobox locations in the county.
- Marissa was on a panel alongside other community partners in a Binghamton University Civic Engagement Class taught by David Campbell. University students and staff are being trained in Narcan and it has become a growing topic of interest at the University.
- Courtney from OFA reported that STAP facilitated a training with OFA staff on Narcan. OFA now has 4 staff trained.
- Marissa and Maria were invited to present to the Foster Grandparents Program on basics of opioid and substance use information. As a result, the Northern Broome Senior Center requested a presentation also.
- Last month Marissa and Heidi Mikeska attended the NYS Suicide Prevention Conference, and a Suicide Fatality Review and Opioid Fatality Review Team partnership is being looked at for the County.

Binghamton Housing Authority:

- Elaine Miller and John Klenchik attended the meeting and reported they are in the process of writing a Ross Service Coordinator Grant.
- A Needs Assessment was completed and showed the biggest needs for residence are: financial literacy, employment, and substance use disorders.
- Elaine reported that Binghamton Housing Authority is looking for partners around substance use disorders to sign letters of support and commit to in kind services. She will be reaching out to partners and encouraged those around the table to contact her to partner together.

Partner Announcements and Updates:

Two Rivers Church:

- Pastor John Snider updated on Hope Homes - more beds will be added for a total of 10, since Helio has increased their services they have been getting more clients needed a home after impatient stay. Also, they are looking to add a women's model as there is a need in the community for more housing for women.

Fairview Recovery Services:

- Gary Hartford reported that the Voices Recovery Day was a big success. Fairview is still receiving referrals, and housing continues to be the biggest barrier to helping people.

Legislature:

- Scott Baker attended a USDA training from which he learned of new opportunities and will send this information to Marissa.

Binghamton University Campus and Community Coalition:

- Erin Monroe reported updates on the Social Norm Campaign.

STAP:

- John Barry reported Safe House in Philadelphia is making progress toward a safe injection site.
- Also, SUNY Albany is doing research at STAP's Norwich syringe exchange location.

Truth Pharm:

- Alexis Pleus reported Drug Policy Alliance grant and Binghamton University will be assessing their “Clearing the Confusion” education program. In addition, Truth Pharm is utilizing a Broome County mini-grant as a travel stipend for a 10-week program.

Mayor David’s office:

- Megan Brockett reported that funding for Intensive Care Navigator with Fairview will continue for another round.

Lourdes Youth Services:

- Jill Alford-Hammitt gave an update on Lourdes cohort, which will be presented as a full presentation with data during the December BOAC meeting.

Community Presentations:

- Chris Harren will present his story of recovery at Binghamton High School on October 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. An email was sent out to the BOAC distribution list.
- Willie Eggleston from Binghamton University was contacted to provide a presentation on his research during the November BOAC meeting.

The next meeting will be held Friday, November 1, 2019 at 10am at the Broome County Health Department.