

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)

Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Meeting of April 7, 2021

Virtual TEAMS Meeting

PRESENT: Katie Farrell, Sandra Violette, Bethany LaPierre, Brendan Kelly, Bryan Habif, Erica Rogers, John Doyle, Jenifer Jarsawich, Jody Aurora, Joe Lindbeck, Justin Mehl, Kevin Neary, Lauren Pristo, Lisa Puglisi, Nicholas Hudobenko, Peter Mendlinger, Rebecca Allen, Renee Dominguez, Robert Lawlor, Danielle Ebrahimi, Inés Eaton

Topic	Discussion	Action
Introductions		Completed
Review of Minutes		Approved
Litchfield County Task Force	<p>Sgt. Kelly (Torrington Police) and Lauren Pristo from the Litchfield County Opioid Taskforce presented information on their Police Assisted Addiction Response. This Response was set up due to a high rate of overdoses in a short period of time in their area. They implemented a harm reduction public health approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve access to care• Increase collaboration and data sharing• Decrease use• Share resources <p>Goals are to establish a trauma informed community, to work in collaboration with other service agencies, and to increase access of behavioral health supports to the police.</p> <p>In Torrington, there has been an increase in police training around crisis intervention and mental health first aid. The police culture has shifted to be more recovery oriented, and there has been an increase in communication with hospitals and other resources. Overdose spike alerts are sent out locally. In addition, police officers and local case managers follow up on local overdoses.</p>	
DOC Narcan Presentation	<p>Erica Rogers presented information on the use of Narcan with the DOC population. More than 50% of those that overdose in the community have a recent connection to</p>	

	<p>criminal justice. Because inmates are at a high risk for an overdose, Narcan kits and trainings are provided to staff, inmates, and facilities. Kits are also available at halfway houses. DOC is maintaining a database on the use of Narcan.</p>	
CJ Recommendation Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATM - 4 information sessions were provided to interested CJ related agencies • ESI - currently available in 6 locations • MAT at DOC - over 400 inmates are receiving MAT. Methadone is provided at Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven Correctional. Other facilities will have access to methadone. Vivitrol will also be available to inmates in the near future. 	Let Inés know if additional information sessions are needed.
Workgroup Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Training and Toolkit - a steering committee is working on implementing a grant to expand local access to mobile crisis. • Training - concentrating on the content of substance use trainings at the police academies • Community Resources - postponed 	
Plans for Next Meeting		
Next Sub-Committee Meetings	<p>1st Wednesdays of the month 1-2:30 pm TEAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5th • June 2nd 	
Next scheduled meeting of the ADPC	Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 10 am	