

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date / Location:		May 12, 2023 Teams Meeting			
Committee Members					
	Alison Karimi (DCF Agency Support)		Giovanna Mozzo	x	Robert Kanehl
x	Allison Fulton	x	Ingrid Gillespie		Robert Lawlor
x	Andrew Lyon	x	Jennifer Sussman	x	Sarju Shah (DMHAS Agency Support)
	Anna Gasinski	x	Judith Stonger	x	Scott Szalkiewicz
x	Carleen Zambetti		Kristi Olds	x	Shobha Thangada
x	Colleen Violette		Nancy Kingwood	x	Surita Rao
	Daniel Tobin		Nathaniel Rickles	x	Tom Fulton
x	Deborah Lake		Rebecca Allen		Tom Russo
	Don Maletto	x	Rodrick Marriott		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
x	Diana Shaw (DCP)	x	Stephanie Welch (DMHAS)	x	Tanya Iacono (Presenter)
x	Samantha Allard (DCP)		Kelly Edwards (DMHAS)	x	Erica Previti (DPH)
x	Ramona Anderson (DCP)		Kelly Leppard (DMHAS)	x	Sara Moriarty (DPH)
	Karonesa Logan (DCP)	x	Kris Robles (DCF)	x	Wendy Mill
x	Steven Wolf (DCP)	x	Alison Wiser	x	Kendra Epps
x	Allison Sullivan (DPH)	x	Cynthia Petronia-Vazquez		
	Seth Baker (DPH)	x	Allyson Nadeau		
	Robin-Tousey Ayers (DPH)	x	Sharon Greaves		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
Welcome Review of Minutes	<p>The meeting began at 1:30p.m.</p> <p>Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting. Bob Kanehl motioned to approve the minutes; Judy Stonger seconded.</p>	<p>Minutes Approved</p>
Quarterly Grant Reports OD2A	<p>Colleen Violette provided a brief update along with a presentation on Year 4 of the OD2A funded Prevention Grant Programs, scheduled to end August 31st, 2023.</p> <p>Prevention programs for Year 4 include the collaboration with DCP, DOC, 7 local health departments, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, UConn Health Comprehensive Pain Center, Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance, The Alliance for Living and the NORA Saves Campaign.</p> <p>DPH also partnered with Yale School of Medicine to evaluate the Good Samaritan Law. The overdoes fatality Review Panel will be launching soon. The Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance and Alliance for Living projects have purchased mobile spectrometers in their mobile reduction vans. CT Harm Reduction Alliance data showed that from the time period September 2022 until March 2023, of the 2052 drug submission test samples, the majority were positive 57% for fentanyl and also positive 46% also</p>	<p>Colleen Violette Colleen.Violette@ct.gov</p> <p>Action Items</p> <p>Share summary of the Yale's evaluation of the Good Samaritan Law with ADPC</p> <p>Share more data on the spectrometers.</p>

	<p>contained xylazine. Some other sample results showed of all 100% fentanyl, 88% cocaine one sample presumed to be meth. More updates as quarterly reports are provided.</p> <p>OD2AS grant application was submitted on May 8th. The CDC restructured some of the prevention components and also the surveillance component.</p> <p>The four surveillance components that will be focused on if awarded starting in September is surveillance infrastructure, morbidity and mortality surveillance and bio surveillance components.</p> <p>Prevention components will be working with clinical health system engagement and health IT PDMP enhancements, public safety partnerships/interventions, harm reduction and community-based linkage to care. This component will not be funding the local level health departments. The local health departments will have to apply directly to the CDC to receive funding.</p> <p>Also noted that they're 2 new health program associates with the Office of Injury and Violence Prevention Sara Moriarty and Erica Previti.</p>	
<p>DMHAS Prevention Grants</p> <p>SPF-Rx</p> <p>SOR</p> <p>PFS</p>	<p>Stephanie Welch provided an update on the 3 federal prevention initiatives along with a presentation. The first being the SPF-Rx 2021 grant strategic prevention framework for prescription drugs for the purpose of reducing non-medical use of prescription drugs and to prevent opioid overdoses. This grant was funded in 2021 through SAMHSA for 1.92 million in total for five years that will end September 29th 2026.</p> <p>Student Learning Program also known as Adopt a Health District- The first year was spent reorganizing followed by student placements for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters as well as student placement expectations. Students placed provided excellent feedback. There will be some reorganization of the program when it pertains to redeveloping the curriculum and restructuring to strengthen orientation for students and for the staff as well.</p> <p>Data collection as part of the SEOW is a key component and strengthening the data collected is currently in process. The sub-committee met twice once in December and once in March.</p> <p>Next steps are to continue to build infrastructure, continue to identify and engage key partners, SPARS Data Entry and meet with SAMHSA Project Officer in May.</p> <p>SOR Prevention Initiatives funded in 2022 to DMHAS from SAMHSA. Funding is for 2 years ending on September 29th 2024 for the purpose of reducing opioid overdose related deaths. Some of the focus areas is education & awareness, training & workforce development and outreach.</p> <p>Some of the big key pieces for prevention just to name a few are, the Change the Script Campaign, Academic Detailing, Evaluation of Programs, Naloxone distribution through the RBHAO's and</p>	<p>Stephanie Welch Stephanie.Welch@ct.gov</p>

	<p>Campus mini-grants. Some other contracts are slowing being fully executed and occurring across the State.</p> <p>In April the Change the Script van attended 8 events and reached over 1500 individuals and in May and June the van will be attending the State Athletic championships and other activities. The change the script messaging was shown at the XL-Center and Gample Pavilion during the men’s and women’s basketball games in March.</p> <p>Next steps- to work with DMHAS contracts division to get all contracts fully executed. Will report more by next quarter as things progress.</p> <p>The Partnership for Success- DMHAS was awarded a 6.25 million grant through a competitive process funded in the Fall of 2022 to DMHAS from SAMHSA. Funding for 5 years ending on September 29th, 2027, to reduce underage drinking among 12-17 year olds.</p> <p>PFS 2022 goals are to reduce alcohol consumption, build community readiness to address underage drinking, increase awareness, training, enforcement, capacity building and reducing access to alcohol among youth ages 12-17.</p> <p>Next steps- Fiduciary training on June 14th, contracts being fully executed, SPARS reporting, PFS-2022 kick-off end of summer early fall and to start the SPF process.</p>	
<p>Supporting Prevention and Enhancing Behavioral Health Service Systems – CT Center for School Safety and Crisis Preparation</p>	<p>Tanya Iacono the Western Regional safety coordinator for the CT Center for School Safety and Crisis Preparation provided an overview on the center and its objectives. These objectives include to serve all CT schools so they can face all threats and hazards through the mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation response and recovery. In addition to providing low cost no cost professional development.</p> <p>More information on the types of training that will be offered during the summer can be found on the website. https://www.wcsu.edu/schoolsafetycenter/training/</p> <p>Besides the crisis team in the West, there is a forming regional crisis teams in the East, north, central and south-central part of the State. Always looking at expansion, specifically in parts of the region that require the need to build a connection such as Bridgeport and the Stratford areas. Currently working on looping them into the crisis team efforts as well in addition to other initiatives through the center.</p> <p>Over the course of the 2022-2023 year, over 1000 participants were trained all while working on building the center. Throughout the 2020-2023 year there were 4 deployments, three due to regional crises teams, 3 due to the death of a student and one being due to the death of a school psychologist.</p> <p>In addition, there is a monthly newsletter, and all are encouraged to subscribe. May-2023-Newsletter-2.pdf (wcsu.edu) https://ctserc.org/library</p>	<p>Tanya Iacono iaconot@wcsu.edu</p> <p>There is a monthly newsletter, and all are encouraged to subscribe. May-2023-Newsletter-2.pdf (wcsu.edu) https://ctserc.org/library</p> <p>If anyone knows of any school district or agency in the South-Central part of the State who are interested in sitting on a crisis team, please email Tanya Iacono.</p>

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<p>Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>Judith Stronger provided a brief overview on the ADPC Naloxone Workgroup Recommendations that was fully approved by the council in October of last year and began meeting in November on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The workgroup goals were to research and develop policy and program recommendation to increase awareness of Naloxone, establish training and minimum training requirements to make sure any barriers to access were eliminated and in general, to make sure that people who have Naloxone know how to access it.</p> <p>The broadest recommendation that most aligns with Connecticut's best practices, should be that naloxone is available where other kinds of emergency supplies are found as well as in all public and private facilities and all modes of transportation marked and easily accessible to all. Provided further overview on the other 17 recommendations.</p> <p>Rodrick added that over 19,000 dispensations of naloxone reported to the PDMP in 2022 an increase of over 7,000 from 2021.</p> <p>Only vending machines that are just over the counter drugs, would only be nasal spray and would have to be registered.</p> <p>If law passes, this will allow for all over the counters to be in vending machines and placed in certain areas and must be registered in case anyone sells contaminated or recalled drugs. This is largely based on the Tylenol contamination issue that occurred and would be subject to inspections as well.</p> <p>Either a pharmacist or approved prescriber could sponsor a machine that has any type of Naloxone in a prescription or over the counter, depending on cost one or the other maybe more popular. There is no data on how well it does in high or low temperatures and to ensure that the naloxone that's available is effective and in date ideally.</p>	
<p>Future topics presentation</p>	<p>Request for an update on the CT Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee</p> <p>Data Presentation on Opioids, Trends, etc.</p>	
<p>Other / Member updates</p>	<p>Here's a link Change the Script Van Schedule: https://www.drugfreect.org/events/2023/May/#Calendar</p> <p>There will be a No Menthol Sunday on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00am at Phillips Metropolitan AME Church Faith Institutions Address Detrimental Impact of Tobacco on Black Communities. For more information contact Violette Haldane Advocacy2Legacy@gmail.com or 860-930-2508</p>	

Wendy welcomed all to join the GPP in their 2nd annual Future Prevention Leaders Conference at CCSU. The focus is to rise up the young professional's high school age primarily also welcomed recent graduates and those entering high school. Please see the link for more information and to register.

<https://www.preventionworksct.org/fpl/fpl.html>

Surita shared that she will be presenting at the OD2A conference in Atlanta in early June on a 6-part educational series collected from clinicians across CT last year from UConn funded by DPH on responsible prescribing of management of chronic pain and responsible opioid prescribing and substance use disorders.

Allison shared briefly that DPH have successfully contracted with the Truth Initiative for a CT specific program "This is quitting program" for youth texting that is now live. More information can be found on the website. In addition, there will be a commit to quit website fairly soon that will incorporate new sections tabs for adults focused tab, a youth, a parent and a young adult tab.

Also noted that the Tobacco prevention campaign is ongoing through the summer with local health departments. Feedback is welcomed on anything seen so far on social media platforms.

Sarju provided a recap on the National Prevention week and the many collaborating partners from the event held at the CT Science Center to the change the script van, gambling and prevention, the CT Council and problem gambling, DPH, DMHAS and Gizmo the therapy dog.

Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:

Monday, August 21, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Next Full ADPC Meeting:

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00pm