

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date / Location:		July 17, 2023 Teams Meeting			
Committee Members					
x	Alison Karimi (DCF Agency Support)	x	Giovanna Mozzo	x	Robert Kanehl
x	Allison Fulton	x	Ingrid Gillespie		Robert Lawlor
x	Andrew Lyon		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	x	Nathaniel Rickles	x	Tom Fulton
x	Deborah Lake		Rebecca Allen		Tom Russo
	Don Maleto		Rodrick Marriott		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
x	Diana Shaw (DCP)	x	Stephanie Welch (DMHAS)	x	Katie Ramos (Presenter)
x	Samantha Allard (DCP)	x	Kelly Edwards (DMHAS)	x	Kelly Ramsey-Fuhlbrigge (Presenter)
x	Ramona Anderson (DCP)	x	Denique W.Lewis (DMHAS)	x	Benjamin Howell (Presenter)
x	Karonesa Logan (DCP)	x	Kelly Leppard (DMHAS)	x	Robert Heimer (Presenter)
x	Steven Wolf (DCP)	x	Haley Brown (DMHAS)	x	Emma Biegacki (Presenter)
x	Allison Sullivan (DPH)	x	Sharon Greaves (DMHAS)	x	Wendy Mill
x	Robin-Tousey Ayers (DPH)	x	Cynthia Petronia-Vazquez	x	Dawn Niles
x	Erica Previti (DPH)	x	Dylan Rutigliano	x	Allie Hunter
x	Sara Moriarty (DPH)	x	Jessica White	x	Allyson Nadeau

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>
2023 Legislative Update	<p>Kelly Ramsey Fuhlbrigge the new Director of Communications, Regulations and Legislation at DMHAS, provided a brief update along with a presentation on ADPC Prevention Subcommittee Legislative Update. A few updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of Drug Use Harm Reduction Centers, in which DMHAS is required to create a program by July 1 consisting of establishing harm reductions center in three municipalities to prevent drug overdoses. • The New Opioid Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund established by October 1, 2023, administered by the Treasurer with about 500k. These funds will be used to provide additional opioid antagonists kits out to EMS personnel and to the public. • Changes to the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) expands on the purpose of the OSF, and that the priority must be given to departments that do not currently have a supply. • Also, there will be a DOT Public Awareness Campaign on Drug Impaired Driving, around the dangers of driving 	<p>Kelly Ramsey-Fuhlbrigge Kelly.Ramsey-Fuhlbrigge@ct.gov</p> <p>Resources to review:</p> <p>Supportive Place for Observation and Treatment https://www.bhchp.org/services/spot/</p> <p>The Engagement Center https://www.boston.gov/departments/new-urban-mechanics/engagement-center</p>

	<p>while under the influence of certain over-the-counter drugs and prescription meds with an emphasis on opioids and cannabis effective Jan 1, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT has another Public Awareness education campaign to address wrong way driving and ways to reduce incidents effective October 1, 2023. Some 2022 statistics show 12 wrong way crashes and 23 fatalities, over 80% of wrong crashes were the result of impaired drivers and most crashes happen between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. • Lastly, the Safe Storage and Disposal requires that DMHAS develop and administer a statewide public awareness on safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs, cannabis products and all other illegal drugs emphasis on the dangers opioids and cannabis pose especially to children. Effective July 1, 2024. Pharmacies after 1/1/2024, will put fluorescent orange stickers on opioid drugs or controlled substances warning “Danger to Children, Keep Out of Reach”. <p>Sarju added that DOT has an impaired driving task force and are looking at how to best collect this data on impaired driving. Once finalized, the hope is to have them come and speak on it bit more especially around cannabis and how it will be enforced in CT.</p>	<p>There is no breathalyzer test like are done for alcohol, that would test or screen for marijuana or cannabis impairment currently.</p> <p>https://nida.nih.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana/letter-director</p>
<p>Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Update</p>	<p>Katherine Ramos the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) Administrator provided a brief overview as well as shared a slide providing some details on the functionality, process and planning of the OSAC. Most of the committee comprises of municipal representation and government leaders. Also mentioned that the public participation guidelines subcommittee did develop guidelines that were approved on July 11th which allows for public input, as well as the governance committee who developed the committee bylaws. All information including meeting minutes and agenda can be found on the Connecticut OSAC website. The portal once it is up and running, will be advertised so that recommendations can be received.</p>	<p>Katie Ramos Katherine.Ramos@ct.gov</p> <p>Website: CT Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee</p> <p>Resources to review: Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu/</p>
<p>CT Opioid Response Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Benjamin Howell a Yale Addiction Medicine Physician/ Medical Researcher provided an overview along with informational slides, on the Connecticut Opioid Response (CORE) Strategic Plan that included recommendations dated back to 2016 on how to best address the opioid crisis. Since 2016, overdose deaths have increased at an unprecedented number and over the past couple of years over 1400 people have died in the state. The ages range across the lifespan; however, statistics show predominantly male age around 45yrs. The percent who are white is 63% which means there’s an overrepresentation of minoritized population in CT who are dying. The same for the present who are Hispanic/ Latino. Fentanyl involvement is predominantly almost all the overdose deaths and are not heroin or prescription opioids.</p> <p>OSAC was asked to review and update the 2016 core report to provide new recommendations. A more finalized version will hopefully get out in early 2024. The OSAC has requested to receive input from all ADPC subcommittees, they would like this</p>	<p>Benjamin Howell – email Emma Biegacki at emma.biegacki@yale.edu</p> <p>2016 CT Opioid REsponse Initiative (CORE) https://portal.ct.gov/CORE</p> <p>2023 CORE Update presentation: 2023 CORE Strategic Plan Deck</p> <p>If the ADPC have any suggestions or recommendations especially if there is a key priority, please refer them to the OSAC Referral Subcommittee</p>

	committee’s input as it relates to the prevention strategies. Strategic plan for public input is forthcoming.	
Workgroup Updates	<p>Judith Stronger began by thanking everyone who have participated in the naloxone work group. Of the feedback suggestions received, updates have been made. The work group met again and are now looking at which guidelines would be sensible for the State to be doing versus what might be suitable for the ADPC to workgroup could work on as a formal recommendation. Also, discussion around the process of naloxone and Narcan being move to over the counter from prescription. More information is expected and will provide more details at the next meeting. The FDA website, however, does have some information and description on what retail packaging and public/community interest packaging will look like. More information to come in terms of recommendations to tackle that might arise from the ADPC workgroups.</p> <p>Individual insurance providers will have the decision on whether to continue to cover naloxone, this is determined on a state-to-state basis. Connecticut has committed to continuing coverage of over-the-counter naloxone.</p> <p>Public distribution programs will continue to be funded, federal grants and also local grants depending on the state, those funding sources have made a commitment to continue as well.</p> <p>It is not expected that individuals will be able to purchase most will probably continue to get naloxone through a statewide distribution program through harm reduction groups or regional behavioral health organizations.</p> <p>Steven Wolf added that three EMS programs (Summers, Enfield and Bristol) in the State to start administering buprenorphine after a patient has been given Narcan. Like the programs in Camden, NJ and Philadelphia. Summers is the only one going live July 1st no definite dates for the other two.</p>	email Allie Hunter with OTC related questions huntera1@ebsi.com
Other / Member updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAVE THE DATE - The Harm Reduction Conference (9/20/23) - SAVE THE DATE – Overdose Awareness Day (8/31/23) 11am-3:00PM at Walnut Park in New Britain rain date (9/1/23) - Maine’s 5th Annual Opioid Response Summit with virtual options. - Diana Shaw provided an overview along with slides on some new statistics pulled from the cannabis tracking system in response to questions asked about product types being sold through the retail market. - 7/13 Public Health Alert – spike in crack cocaine and cocaine-involved fatal and non-fatal overdoses - BITK Campaign in the Wild 	https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/Knowledge-Base/Articles/Statistics-and-Documents?language=en_US
	<p><u>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, August 21, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30pm</p> <p><u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00pm</p>	Meeting adjourned