

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council  
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date / Location:</b>		December 18, 2023 Teams Meeting			
x	Allison Fulton		Giovanna Mozzo		Rodrick Marriott
	Andrew Lyon	x	Ingrid Gillespie	x	Robert Kanehl
	Anna Gasinski		Jennifer Sussman		Robert Lawlor
x	Carleen Zambetti		Judith Stonger		Sarju Shah (DMHAS Agency Support)
x	Colleen Violette	x	Keri Lloyd (DCF Staff Support)		Scott Szalkiewicz
	Daniel Tobin	x	Kristi Olds	x	Shobha Thangada
	Dawn Niles (OSAC Representative)		Nancy Kingwood		Surita Rao
x	Deborah Lake	x	Nathaniel Rickles	x	Tom Fulton
x	Don Maleto		Rebecca Allen		Tom Russo
<b>Supporting Leadership &amp; Other Participants</b>					
x	Diana Shaw (DCP)	x	Stephanie Welch (DMHAS)		Aisha Hamid (Clearinghouse)
x	Samantha Allard (DCP)		Kelly Edwards (DMHAS)		Joshua Freeman (GPP)
	Ramona Anderson (DCP)	x	Kelly Leppard (DMHAS)	x	Wendy Mill (GPP)
x	Karonesa Logan (DCP)	x	Denique Weidema-Lewis		Kendra Epps (GPP)
x	Steven Wolf (DCP)	x	Allyson Nadeau		Susan Sarmiento (GPP)
	Allison Sullivan (DPH)	x	Cynthia Petronia-Vazquez		Mya Singh-Johal (GPP)
	Seth Baker (DPH)		Kris Robles (DCF)		Jessica White (GPP)
	Robin-Tousey Ayers (DPH)		Allie Hunter		Angela Duhaime
x	Erica Previti (DPH)		Kim Karanda (DMHAS)	x	Pam Mautte
x	Sara Moriarty (DPH)	x	Jessica Parmelee	x	Vanessa St.Clair (DPH)
x	Bianca Irizarry	x	Christina Simms	x	David Reyes
x	Jennifer Jacobsen	x	Ken Plourd	x	Lisa Mason
x	Susan Logan	x	Mark Nickel	x	Megan O'Grady
x	Shauna Pangilinan				

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
<b>Welcome Review of Minutes</b>	The meeting began at 1:30p.m. November meeting minutes approved by Bob Kanehl.	Minutes Approved
<b>DMHAS Resource Links Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Education Resource Center (SERC) - <a href="https://prevention.serc.co;">https://prevention.serc.co;</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PowerPoint presentation by Bianca Irizarry and Christina Simms</li> <li>New centralized School-Based Center for prevention, education and advocacy for K-12, funded by DMHAS.</li> <li>Library located in Downtown Waterbury</li> <li>State Data available on website - schools who have prevention teams and community partners like local coalitions.</li> <li>Prevention Course - target audience is more for those with very little/no knowledge of prevention - used with community agencies (e.g. Boys and Girls Club) and schools. Received feedback on tools that they've used. SERC will modify as needed based on feedback.</li> <li>CT Schools Survey - issued twice with the purpose to get initial priority districts and then to follow up with districts who weren't able to complete the survey based on timing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- Training and Technical Assistance Service Center (TTASC) - presented by Mark Nickel, Jennifer Jacobsen, Lisa Mason, Ken Plourd, David Reyes
  - Goals/Core Services: 1) Technical Assistance (primarily to DMHAS funded agencies with goal to build coalition and community prevention sustainability) 2) Training (52 are currently available on their YouTube Channel - "CT Prevention Training Center") 3) Promoting EBPs which includes research on disparities in priority populations 4) Collaborations and Special Projects (e.g. Prevention Gambling, GPP YAB; Workforce Needs Assessment on prevention partners and create data sets to tailor services)
  - Work with prevention workers and coalitions across the state and creating resource links to educate the public about prevention.
  - TTASC Explainer Videos cover a wide range of topics - one of the goals of these videos is to make them as accessible as possible. Most, if not all, are available on website and YouTube Channel.
  - Support people through the Prevention Specialist Certification process through offering training and support, answering questions, and developing resources for what they need to know about the process. Working with CCB to develop an associate level certification. Probably will not have the exam and fewer training hours. See it as entry certification into the workforce.
  - External Communications across social media platforms and run a newsletter incorporating monthly themes, local and national data resources, TTASC products, upcoming trainings and Coalition Success Story. Spotlight evidence-based prevention strategies. Also share weekly calendar for events, facts, tools, etc. Many posts are translated to Spanish.
  - TTASC involved in State Opioid Response (SOR). Parents Guide to Opioid Use Prevention Tool Kit - available in English and Spanish.
  - Recently launched a State Opioid Settlement Funds Workshop Series.
  - Two courses available in Learning Management System and two will be launching tomorrow. No fee to register or take any of the classes and provides on-demand CEUs. Will continue to launch courses every couple months - <https://www.preventiontrainingcenter.org/online-learning>
- DMHAS Center for Prevention Evaluation & Statistics (CPES) - presented by Megan O'Grady, Director/Principal Investigator ([ogrady@uchc.edu](mailto:ogrady@uchc.edu))
  - Jennifer Sussman is the Coordinator ([sussman@uchc.edu](mailto:sussman@uchc.edu))
  - Funded by the Block Grant to identify, collect, analyze, interpret and disseminate data pertaining to SU prevention and MH promotion. Develop and maintain an interactive dashboard.
  - Core Functions on Data Curation, Evaluation and Assessment, and Local and Regional Capacity Building. Often collaborate with other prevention resource links.
    - Capacity Building includes supporting the DMHAS regional priority planning process which occurs every few years. About to undertake this process again soon and in the process of thinking how to revamp in the coming years.
    - Evaluation and Assessment: about to undergo the biennial Community Readiness Survey (CRS). Work to have a stakeholder in every town complete in order to assess readiness to implement prevention strategies in their communities.
      - Local Evaluator Workgroup - develop best practices and standardize evaluation tools and approaches. In the process of creating a charter to lead the work for the upcoming year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data Curation - Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW). Help inform interagency planning and collaboration. Includes members from different state agencies and community partners. Helps to stay on top of new happenings and trends to guide the work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on 2024 is to look at usability of portal</li> <li>• Assessment of the need for additional sub-committees to address emerging needs (e.g. cannabis legalization).</li> <li>• A number of data visualizations available on the portal, as are presentations, info briefs and reports.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ In the past 6 months have increased use of social media platforms to connect with stakeholders and prevention partners.</li> <li>○ Working on Interactive Map to be publicly available in 2024</li> <li>○ <a href="https://ctdata.org">Connecticut SEOW Prevention Data Portal (ctdata.org)</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Quarterly Updates on Federal Grants</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPH - Surveillance Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PowerPoint on "Overdose Data to Action for States Surveillance Strategy Update" by Susan Logan (<a href="mailto:Susan.Logan@ct.gov">Susan.Logan@ct.gov</a>); DPH Opioid Surveillance mailbox (<a href="mailto:DPH.OpioidSurveillance@ct.gov">DPH.OpioidSurveillance@ct.gov</a>)</li> <li>○ Local Health Departments had to apply for CDC funding - Hartford and New Haven both were awarded for work they will be doing over the next 5 years</li> <li>○ Reviewed priority tasks for the next couple years on improving data surveillance infrastructure and capacity.</li> <li>○ Continue to look for opportunities to present information at groups like ADPC and at Conferences</li> <li>○ Standard Operating Guide is routinely updated as needed. New guide forthcoming for provider/clinic closures and controlled substance prescribing permit/medial license suspensions to minimize unsafe prescribing practices.</li> <li>○ Many labs in the state do not have the ability to test for synthetic opioids so capacity was built at state lab and have asked hospitals to submit specimens to the lab. DPH receives these results as well as the hospitals. Timeliness of the lab results may not align with the treatment episode of the individual whose specimen was submitted but still provides learning opportunities for the hospitals.</li> <li>○ Community Drug Testing Project for mobile spectrometers that can be operated in mobile units. DPH will fund personnel to continue supporting this work.</li> <li>○ Mortality Data Survey - currently looking at trends by race and ethnicity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increasing rate of OD death among non-Hispanic Black population. Risk factors being examined including education level, older aged population and cocaine with fentanyl.</li> <li>▪ Increasing OD Deaths with Fentanyl &amp; Xylazine combination</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Morbidity Data Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ About 40 urgent care centers affiliated with different hospital systems and 38 emergency departments participating. Near real-time data - usually within the hour of the person coming in for an overdose</li> <li>▪ Includes data sets for suspected clusters including information like demographics, location of overdose, if naloxone was administered.</li> <li>▪ Highest OD rates 2022 - Hartford, Waterbury, New Haven and East Shore Health District (Branford, North Branford, East Haven).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ These are by unique visits, not unique people. One person could have 2 visits and they would be counted separately.</li> <li>• DMHAS - Stephanie Welch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs. Reduce the non-medical use of prescription drugs and prevent opioid overdose. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adopt a Health District Interns - 9 students have been placed within districts for Fall 2023-Spring 2024.</li> <li>▪ This program has already been sustained by UConn and is officially a 2-credit course per semester.</li> <li>▪ Reviewed next steps including Continuation Application Due 2/4/2024.</li> <li>▪ Nate Rickles commented that for those who presented today, they are happy to have you as speakers for the students in their Adopt-A-Health District/Department Program. They appreciate learning the different resources and opportunities in substance use prevention across the state. Please contact Nate (<a href="mailto:nathaniel.rickles@uconn.edu">nathaniel.rickles@uconn.edu</a>). Students meet virtually every couple of weeks in the early evening. They love guest speakers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ State Opioid Response - Prevention, Education and Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change the Script Campaign</li> <li>▪ Campus Mini Grants - 300 SCSU athletes trained in naloxone administration and signs and symptoms of an overdose</li> <li>▪ Fatherhood Initiative - reach 250+ fathers/month</li> <li>▪ Opioid Settlement Funds Workshop (TTASC) - could ask TTASC to present at a future meeting on these trainings.</li> <li>▪ CIAC Collaboration – a 5-minute video was created for coaches, athletes and parents on potential harms of teen substance use; anticipated to be available early in the new year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Partnerships for Success 2022 - focus is to reduce underage drinking among 12-17 year olds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reviewed goals and sub-recipients across Regions. They have completed their needs assessments. Final draft due January 15, 2024. Strategic Plan due March 1, 2024. 5 out of 5 coordinators have been hired.</li> <li>▪ Next Learning Community on January 19, 2024.</li> <li>▪ Continuation Application due February 4, 2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Other/Member Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee - representative not present.</li> <li>• Deborah Lake will presenting Prevention Subcommittee Recommendations a Full ADPC Committee meeting tomorrow.</li> <li>• Recovery Friendly Pharmacies - Nate Rickles asking for DMHAS' support in taking a look at this concept in a future meeting and identify best way to approach.</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm	
	<p><u>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, January 22, 2024, 1:30 – 3:30pm</p> <p><u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<b>Calendar invite and 2024 calendar sent out to the group.</b>