

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date/ Location:	Monday, December 20th, 1:30PM-3:30PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Participants in Attendance	In Attendance: Allison Fulton, Deborah Lake, Ingrid Gillespie, Stephanie Moran, Erin Mulhern, Diana Shaw, Judith Stonger, Shobha Thangada, Thomas Russo, Jane Ungemack, Wendy Mill, Alison Wiser, Ramona Anderson, Thomas Fulton	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
1. Welcome /Review of Minutes	<p>The meeting started at 1:35</p> <p>Deborah Lake (Governor’s Prevention Partnership) introduced new member, Wendy Mill, who is also from Governor’s prevention partnership,</p> <p>Motions were made to approve the minutes from last meeting.</p>	Minutes Approved
2. Quarterly Federal Grant Updates	<p>SAMHSA – State Opioid Response, Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescriptions drugs</p> <p>Stephanie Moran gave an update: SPF-RX 2016 ended in September SPF-RX 2021 began September 30 and will end Sept 29, 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to reduce non-medical use of prescription drugs and prevent opioid overdoses. Increase public awareness and education on the dangers of prescription drug misuse. • Pharmacy and Public Health students will receive placements in high risk health districts. • Year one is the planning year, implementation in year 2. • Working to continue building partnerships across the state with stakeholders. <p>SOAR update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention awareness activities – change the script campaign expanded to address more audiences. • Drugfreect.org – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October - 3349 users and 9035 page views. ○ Nov 5359 users and 10003 page views. • Change the script van has attended 16 events reaching 2155 people. <p>LPC mini grants administered through RBHAOs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct/Nov reached 1.4 million people. <p>Parent education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book is now complete in both English and Spanish, versions – will be distributed in 2022. <p>State education resource center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is working with CERC held 2 lunch and learns, more coming. • Sent out an application to all school districts in the state who are interested in using their guiding document. 	

- Working with the united way distribution of lock boxes. 94 people received lock boxes. People also received lethal means counseling. (Stephanie will send information about lethal means counseling, as members wanted to know more about what that was)

DPH - OD2A CDC Grant

Ramona Anderson gave an update in a PowerPoint that she will send to the group.

- The final year of funding started on 9/1/21
- CDC anticipates extending the grant through 8/31/23.
- PDMP – practitioner registration and PDMP access. State and local integration – local agencies, use of surveillance data to carry out OD2A activities in CT communities
- Advance use of CT opioid online toolkit – looking to get a student to help with updates to this
- Partnerships with planned parenthood of Southern New England and CT department of corrections
- Improved coordination of linkages to treatment/ medication for opioid use disorder.
- Naloxone training, pain management training for providers and pharmacists.
- Campaigns focuses on harm reduction
- Community toxicology project – funding 2 sites in CT
- Morbidity/Mortality and enhanced toxicology testing, Shobha is presenting next.
- <https://cadh.org/ct-opioid-toolkit/>

DCF – Project ASSERT

Alison Wisner gave an update:

- Currently there is work being done with the Assisted intervention matching (AIM) tool. Through engaging with Beacon Health and the CONNECT grant, we have worked with web solutions to convert the tool to a new platform. This is to have it reside on a more neutral public facing site with the intention that versions to come, will be tailored to a community audience. We are testing this tool with DCF staff for version 1, which only includes contracted in home programs and services. In future versions it will include more services and updating language to be user friendly.
- Work force development plan is upcoming and will be finalized after the New Year.
- Other aspects are paused as we wait for the Medicaid update, this work will be done in support of the system changes as that occurs.

3. Presentation of the Analysis of the OCME fetal Overdose Data

Shobha will share the slides from this presentation with the group

Fatal Drug Overdose Data – 2019, 2020 & 2021 (as of first week of Nov)

- Currently waiting 4-6 weeks to get toxicology back.

What is causing the deaths -

- 2020 – 93% of overdose deaths involve an opioid. 84% of those involve fentanyl.
- Prediction of 15 – 20% more deaths in 2021 than in 2020.

Demographics –

- Rate has increased for both male and female, still remains that about ¾ of the deaths are males.
- Black and Hispanic communities are seeing more overdose deaths, and a large increase from 2020 to 2021.

Age groups –

- 25-64 has highest rate.
- In 2021 there is a projected increase in age groups: 35-44, 45-54 and 55-64.

Death Data is abstracted to SUDORS (State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System) software.

Death and Injury Location –

- 73% in residence
- 7% hotel/motel
- 4% automobile
- 15% other (public places, wooded areas, halfway homes, parks..etc)

Naloxone Administration –

- 70% were not given or unknown
- 30% were administered naloxone.

Housing Situation -

- 3% homeless or had housing instability
- 93% neither homeless nor housing instable
- 4% unknown

In 30% of overdose deaths the individual had a mental illness based on Rx and narrative.

In 21% the individual had a combined mental illness/substance abuse treatment based on Rx history.

Education -

- 53% High School or GED graduation
- 9% Less than high school graduation

87% did not have a opioid prescription 30 days preceding death

If you have any questions please reach out to Shobha.

Erin presented slides on non-fatal data (slides will be shared with the group)

	<p>Syndromic Surveillance data monitors all cases that go through the 38 emergency departments throughout CT. Cases are tagged as opioid or suspected opioid.</p> <p>Discussion: Q: Any hypothesis as to why Hartford is seeing steep decreases in suspected opioid overdoses? A: Unfortunately, when looking at the overdose death data, Hartford has increased and that may explain some of why non-fatal data shows a decrease in Hartford.</p> <p>We need to keep pushing for access to naloxone and it's use.</p>	
<p>4. Discussion – Primary Prevention and Harm Reduction Strategies Targeted at Hotels, Motels and Inns</p>	<p>One of the challenges is the regulations determining where the outreach van is allowed to go. Maybe we can get them to come and share information about where they are able to go. Ingrid will follow up on this.</p> <p>SAMHSA has a funding announcement out for harm reduction right now. – Allison Fulton will post information about this.</p> <p>A very controversial topic, but may be a good solution to preventing some overdose deaths would be sites that are identified as a safe place to use.</p>	
<p>Workgroup Updates Media and Stigma Cannabis</p>	<p>Media and Stigma – 2nd Forum: The Power of Media: Changing the Narrative on Substance Use, on December 10th it was really well received by participants, a success.</p> <p>Cannabis –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group reviewed cannabis billboard designs and provided feedback. • Billboard designs have been approved • Currently waiting on contract with Billboard company and hoping to have them up before the end of the year or soon after the start of the new year. <p>Q: Where are the billboards going up? A: Social equity council has determined some socially impacted areas within the state and the billboards will go up close as possible to those areas, it's not perfect but it's a start.</p>	
<p>Other/ Member Updates</p>	<p>Allison – A vaping PowerPoint presentation is being put together for anybody who wants to use it, directed at an adult audiences, such as school staff, adults in the community, parents. Currently in the works is one for middle and high school students as well.</p> <p>Deborah Lake – New Britain group recently did a PSA about not serving alcohol to minors during the holidays. New Britain Local Prevention Council- Prevention All the Way Jingle</p> <p>Ingrid – Thank you to the clearing house for putting together a vaping/marijuana information package. There was a presentation through Yale last week on Shatterproof – new resources and initiatives including 5 min videos from different sources. Treatment,</p>	

	ending stigma and education. Shatterproof is great resource if anybody is looking.	
	The meeting adjourned at 3:10 <u>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, January 24, 2022 1:30 – 3:30pm <u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, December 21, 2021 10:00am-12:00pm	