

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

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| Meeting Date/Location: | Monday, February 8th, 2021, 1:30PM-3:30PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting | |
| Participants in Attendance | In Attendance: Carol Meredith, Judith Stonger, Allison Fulton, Carmen James, Deborah Lake, Ramona Anderson, Scott Newgass, Scott Szalkiewicz, Shobha Thangada, Kristi Olds, Tom Russo, Ingrid Gillespie, Robert Lawlor, Thomas Fulton, Anna Gasinski, Dan Tobin | |
| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTIONS / DECISIONS |
| 1. Welcome & Introductions | The meeting started at 1:33 with a roll call | |
| 2. Review of Minutes | The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. | Minutes were approved. |
| 3. Last Meeting Follow-up Items | <p>Thank You Letter A draft of the proposed yearly "Thank you" letter was sent to the members for their review.</p> <p>New Members Two new members were proposed: Dr. Jane Ungemack, professor at the UCONN Dept. Of Health Sciences, director of the State Epidemiological & Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and the Center for Prevention Evaluation & Statistics (CPES); and Nancy Kingwood, executive director of the Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program (GBAPP) and a minister who provides training and TA to faith-based organizations. Nancy will represent the faith community. It was clarified that members can forward the meeting link to guests but that the latter would have no votes in the subcommittee.</p> <p>Scope of Pain Correspondence sent by Robert Lawlor to all members about the Scope of Pain training being available virtually. Due to Covid the training is now easy to access as a webinar. Some of the downside is that it is missing CT specific issues, that were usually discussed when the training was in person. Dr. Tobin did make himself available to develop a FAQ sheet if there was a value to it. There are specific laws to CT that are not capture in the webinar, like laws about the PNP or writing prescription regulation. Dr. Tobin suggested that the webinar could be promoted but he could come up with ancillary material or some supplemental material to go with it at the group's discretion. Some members agreed that the webinar should be followed by CT specific material.</p> <p>Dr. Tobin also indicated that the training does not have to be the scope of pain training, although this is a nice training because it is standardize content and captures a lot of core</p> | <p>The letter was approved and will be sent out every December.</p> <p>Both individuals were voted in by the members.</p> |

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| | <p>material but he has also put together didactic sessions that he gives elsewhere that are one or two hours long.</p> | |
| <p>4. Naloxone School Survey</p> | <p>The Naloxone survey was discussed. The survey will be re-formatted to skip those questions that not applicable as some of the answers were a little bit skewed. Another point of interested when review the data from the previous survey is that elementary schools perceived it as not necessary for them to have a Naloxone protocol or the product. It was agreed that the language will be changed from "Narcan" to "Naloxone". The importance of having the correct language was discussed.</p> <p>Also discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey will be sent to schools of all levels • At the school with young children, the parents may be the ones in need of then naloxone • The downside of every school having naloxone could be that individuals not associated with the school could show up to the school just for the medication • The socioeconomic barriers to understanding the need of school having naloxone • Frame the need for naloxone similar to needing a defibrillator; you want to have it in the event of an emergency. | <p>Survey will be re-formatted, language changed and sent out to schools of all levels. Scott Newgass will help with the distribution of the survey.</p> |
| <p>5. Review and Discussion of Proposed Legislation</p> | <p>A list of proposed alcohol and drug prevention related bills were compiled into a list by Carol. The list was shared with the group for discussion. The group was alerted to the HUB's newsletter article on the difference between advocacy and lobbying.</p> <p>Two bills specifically discussed were the proposed SB-103 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PACKAGING OF CERTAIN OPIOID DRUGS and proposed SB-113 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.</p> <p>Testimony is being heard on bills. Bills can be followed and tracked at cga.ct.gov. There is also the option to sign up to follow specific bills of interest. An alert will be sent when there is an update in the testimony. This year sessions are being held over zoom and permission for verbal testimony is needed in advance. The DMHAS and DCF legislative liaisons are on the agenda for the next ADPC meeting to review related legislation.</p> | |

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| <p>6. Other/Member Updates</p> | <p>Live loud campaign survey There is a survey out to inform the next phase of the LiveLOUD campaign. Members were asked to assist in distributing it to individuals who are in treatment, recovery or who are current users to see how/if the campaign is resonating with them.</p> <p>SAMHSA Funding Opportunity There is a federal SAMHSA grant that is out focusing on preventing overdose deaths in individuals 18 years of age and over. It requires, in addition to other things that first responders be trained, and Naloxone education and distribution occur. This is a competitive grant with only 13 of these being awarded nationwide.</p> <p>During the discussion of the grant it was shared that CCAR Recovery Coaches collect data on non-fatal overdoses in the 22 hospitals across CT. They follow up with individuals at minimum of six times in the first 10 days after being released from the hospital and have data on the numbers of times that people have been seen in the emergency room.</p> <p>WORKGROUP UPDATES</p> <p>FASD/SEI Policy Workgroup Planning a conference on April 12th to educate medical professionals about women and substance use, the impact of trauma and stigma, available CT resources, etc. including why it's especially important to for health care professionals to talk with pregnant women about substance use.</p> <p>Recovery Friendly Workplace Workgroup The New York State's Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) showed an interest in the recovery friendly workplace toolkit and a meeting has been set to learn what CT has done.</p> <p>Stigma and Media Workgroup This workgroup continues to meet and is reaching out to media outlets offering opportunities to train their staff using the curriculum established at the "The Power of Media: Changing the Narrative on Substance Use" forum held on 12/10.</p> <p>Kevin Nathan from NBC 30 reached out to one of the panelists from the forum named John Lally and did a follow up story about stigma. The video from the news piece was shared in this meeting. This is a good example of the work being achieved to address stigma.</p> | <p>Carol will keep the group posted regarding this grant opportunity.</p> <p>F/U with Rebecca Allen and the presentation of non-fatal overdose data on a quarterly basis.</p> |
| | <p><u>Next Monthly Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, March 15th, 1:30pm-3:30pm</p> <p><u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:00am-12:00pm</p> | |