

Meeting Minutes
Alcohol and Drug Policy Council: Recovery and Health Management Sub-Committee
May 12, 2022 (by Microsoft Teams)

In attendance: Justin Mehl, Zachary Green, Ana Gopoian, Jennifer Chadukiewicz, Jody Davis, Kathleen Marchione, Kelvin Young, Lisa Gray, Nicole Hampton, Yashira Pepin, Cheri Bragg, Cini Shaw, Mary Mason (Legislation Liaison), Jaqueline M Calayag, Jillian Griffin, TJ Aitken

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken
Check in & Introductions	Members checked in. Jennifer Chadukiewicz facilitated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest introductions: - Mary Kate Mason: Legislative update 	N/A
Review of minutes from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edit: 	Minutes approved.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislative updated short session - 12 week session: Bill related to opioid through public health committee and house and senate. Focus got narrowed down to there should be information sharing on alternative pain management to opioid. Rather than prescribing of and opioid. Also Methadone clinicals to have mobile vans. Fentanyl test strips are now approved for individual use (now legal at state level). If there is funding available for the department s to purchase then this will be something that gets looked at. DMHAS to report on Harm reduction strategies and pushes for peer navigator programs currently not funded. Also to improve data was included in this bill. (Justin, brought up that we could have a better understanding of positive outcome if we collected data on individuals completing treatment).Jennifer brought up a survey that can be used to assess measure connection to society, social supports. Lisa spoke to recovery friendly community and how this plays a role. - Opioid settlement bill - sets up a stake holder committee to advise the dispensing of the dollars. DMHAS has the monitoring of this and the money can be used for attorney fees and research. - MH bills - was a focus on youth, mobile vans were approved for 24 hours as well. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions: Peer task for appointments have been rolling out on this. Some information to come out soon. Was there any thing discussed about access to treatment and bed availability due to long wait times and support to 211 because of long waits and availability. Mary spoke to bed availability but not always for location that the individual is wanting. The pandemic has impacted the availability. Ana gave description of clients being turned away due to mistakes around bed availability. Ana shared she rose this concern to higher administration to be looked at. Any discussion about stabilization units (asked by Jennifer Chadukiewicz) Mary will go back and look and see about the out come of this. Jen asked is the discussion on stabilization need to be continued to be brought up and advocated for. Mary not sure whether there are current dollars to fund this initiative at this time. Jennifer C. brought up that Veyo transportation continues to be a barrier specifically for adolescents in IOP/PHP program. Veyo sits with DSS Justin to rise this up to the deputy commissioner to ensure the concerns are heard and shared. Also for group members to bring this up to the behavioral health committee. Ana asked if there is a challenge with Veyo who they lift this up to. Another question regarding mobile methadone vans, regarding timeline of guidelines. Mary spoke that due to legislation just passing the group will need to coordinate time to work on this. Justin asked from Mary's lens what she thinks would be a good recommendation for the group- she mentioned speaking to state partners about work. We do not always need legislation to move work forward. Group identify gap, proposed fix and raise this to the ADPC council. - Nicole asked whether there was funding for female beds at Rushford and was there funding for all substance not just specific to opioids. Kris Robles to raise this to DCF legislative liaison and bring back to the group. DMHAS focuses on all substances and not just one target towards a particular substance. Questions that beds are being held for only opioid and whether this can be for everyone. Mary expressed to raise the concerns so they can be address. - <p>ADPC tracking log- agreed to send off to commissioner</p> <p>Commissioner Porter report- Kathleen Marchione provided clarity to the recent report. She shared there are no town hall meetings. On the disability side of the house they are</p>	<p>Justin to rise this up to the deputy commissioner.</p> <p>Kris Robles to raise this to DCF legislative liaison and bring back to the group.</p>
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	<p>poorly attended. On the aging side of the house they would be interested in hearing more and this would be the direction to go in. individuals to make contact with Kathleen to lift this up.</p> <p>ADPC -Subcommittee Co-Chair document - group had no questions and a copy was sent out to all members.</p> <p>Recovery Friendly community review of the rubric- Jody spoke to how this was born. Jennifer Chadukiewicz also shared the background and the initial development of the rubric. Justin shared the rubric to the members and asked the group to share any edits if needed (email him). Lisa Gray shared an update on the Simsbury community and where they are at with moving this forward. Justin request Lisa adding to the report out for the ADPC full Council. Justin suggested follow up after a community has been identified as Recovery Friendly Community. Justin has the contact of individuals that have been identified as a Recovery Friendly community.</p>	
<p>Future meeting potential topics:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ell T. Grasso Tech Recovery group to present - Invite other youth recovery group to present - HUD - Invite delegate for Department of Education that sits on the ADPC full council - Others... 	
<p>Next steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	
<p>Other Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAMHSA Grant - September 23, 2022 Simsbury Recovery festival - Jennifer to invite someone from the Massapequa community - Recovery Fest, May 13 3pm-6pm - A Promise to Jordan's 2nd annual Mocktail Tasting fundraiser is coming up a week from Sunday, on May 22. Roux Cajun Eatery in Simsbury and the Imperial Sovereign Court of CT are hosting a drag brunch to benefit A Promise to Jordan on Sunday, June 12. And, we are also hosting a youth discussion of the book "#OneChoice: How Ten Seconds Can Change Your Life" on June 15. All details can be found on the event page of www.apromisetojordan.org. Have a great day, everyone! 	<p>N/A</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspire Recovery- rolling out MAT services, and looking to do maintenance, running a workshop for high school students to provide support on the transitions they are to expect. - Office of Recovery affairs page to get further updates. Waiting on contract to be finalized for the peer certification process. - TriCircle have 15 monthly support groups 9 Hope & Support and 6 Hope After Loss Groups plus clinical services. - June 4th, 11am-3pm In it To Win It Community Activity Day Crystal Lake Park Middletown - July 28th and 29th TriCircle 5th Symposium with the ORN - https://rootcenter.org/june-9-2022-community-forum-thoughts-on-safe-injection-sites-in-a-burgeoning-opioid-epidemic/ June 9, 2022 Community Forum: Thoughts on Safe Injection Sites in a Burgeoning Opioid Epidemic - Root Center for Advanced Recovery “Thoughts on Safe Injection Sites in a Burgeoning Opioid Epidemic” As our country continues to grapple with the surging number of overdose deaths across our country, now topping 100,000 in the past... 	
<p>Next Recovery sub-committee meeting: June 9, 2022</p> <p>Next Full ADPC Council meeting: June 21, 2022@ 10am (Tuesday)</p> <p>2022 Sub-Committee Meeting dates: 6/9/22 10/13/22 7/14/22 11/10/22 8/11/22 12/8/22 9/8/22</p>		N/A