

MEETING MINUTES
Alcohol and Drug Policy Council: Treatment Subcommittee

Meeting Date: 2/27/2020

Present: Craig Allen; Jacqueline Arroyo; Heide Kapral; Charles Atkins; Dave Borzellino; Barbara Cass; Ralf Coller; Angela Crawford; Marcia DuFore; John Hamilton; Erin-Leavitt Smith; Chad McDonald; Sat Grewal; Kathleen O'Connor; Lauren Siembab; Kim Haugabook (Beacon SUPPORT ACT grant)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Introductions</p> <p>DMHAS State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant update</p> <p>Update on progress of 4 original target areas</p>	<p>Lauren Siembab will now be the DMHAS staff person, replacing Julienne Giard. Melissa Sienna will continue as the DCF staff person.</p> <p>Maria Skinner-Coutant, CEO of the McCall Center in Torrington, has been invited by the ADPC co-chairs to be the new co-chair of this sub-committee replacing Dr. Atkins. She will begin attending next month.</p> <p>Lauren distributed a SOR grant brochure detailing many of the initiatives being funded by this grant. The 2nd year funding is due to expire 9/29/20. DMHAS has received unofficial notice that the grant will continue for a minimum of one more year and is awaiting the “official” notice of award.</p> <p>Dr. Atkins gave an update on the 4 areas the sub-committee originally identified as needing attention;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Screening • SBIRT • Regulatory Barriers 	<p>None</p> <p>Lauren will keep the group up to date on future of SOR funding and any new initiatives.</p> <p>Continue to work on expanding “treatment on demand” (TOD). Begin to track TOD options.</p>
Sober Housing	Dr. Atkins reported on the need for longer term housing and also the confusing terminology related to CT residential resources.	None
“Harm Reduction”	Lauren discussed the rising opioid overdose rates and the Department’s increased attention to harm reduction approaches as an additional way of attempting to reduce opioid related deaths. There will be a meeting of all known Opioid Task Forces on Monday, 3/2, to introduce them to each other, share strategies and identify common next steps.	Lauren will give an update on the task force meeting at a future sub-committee meeting and next steps that have been identified.
SUPPORT ACT grant interview	Beacon Health was awarded this grant on 10/1. Kim and her staff from Beacon posed a number of questions to the sub-committee in order to get feedback that will be incorporated into the planning grant deliverables.	
Upcoming Meetings	Next subcommittee meeting: 3/26/20; 1:00 – 3:00 @ MidState; ADPC meeting: 4/21/20; 10-noon	