

MEETING MINUTES

11/18/2021

Members Present:

x	Craig Allen		Bryna Blackson	x	John Hamilton	x	Gabriela Krainer		Sandrine Pirard
x	Robyn Anderson		Barbara Cass	x	Kim Hougabook		Chad McDonald		Hilary Felton-Reid
	Herb Boyd		Wende Cooper	x	Mark Jenkins		Kathleen O'Connor		Dan Rezende
	Maria Brereton	x	Deborah Daniel	x	Heide Kapral		Gerard O'Sullivan		Julienne Girard
	Carl Schiessl		Danielle Warren-Dias	x	<i>Paige Fanolis</i>	x	John Simoncelli		
	Tara Kerner	x	David Borzellino		Kristie Scott	x	Melissa Sienna		
x	Luiza Barnat	x	Ally Kernan	x	Maria Coutant-Skinner		Allyson Nadeau		

Guests are indicated by italics.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome	Guest: Paige Fanolis on behalf of Sandrine Pirard	
Review of minutes	October minutes reviewed	Approved
Remembrance	Remembering Charles Atkins	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 6th: Harm Reduction Strategies webinar • December 8th: MAUD Forum, flyer is available for dissemination. 300 registrants to-date, including ME, NH, IL, GA. 	
Fentanyl in Marijuana	<p><u>HIDTA alert</u> – confirmed case of fentanyl in marijuana. Sharing information is beneficial to the public. Discussed being cautious about interpreting the finding, and being alarmist in a response to avoid having the messaging backfire (e.g., sparking interest in the substance). Harm reduction messaging is difficult for youth – for example they cannot access “safe” marijuana through a dispensary. Also, although the committee discussed the possible presence of other adulterants in the tested marijuana post-meeting follow-up revealed that not to be true. The committee also discussed the likelihood that opioid use may not be acknowledged due to stigma. Vape cartridges supposedly can be purchased with fentanyl and is popular among youth in the Fairfield County area. Reports of more smoking of fentanyl in the western part of the country that we should be monitoring. Fentanyl test strips cannot be used to test marijuana.</p> <p>Fentanyl in cocaine – no doubt of the presence of this combination.</p>	
Mapping Opioid ODs	In Litchfield County uptick in spike alerts (set at 3 ODs in 24 hr period) in October. Hypothesized reasons: 1) Hartford Health Care/Charlotte Hungerford has made changes to the EHR that made reporting more accurate, and 2) people are taking pressed pills expecting them to be a Vicodin or	

	<p>Percocet and they unknowingly contain fentanyl. Street narcotics are being used when prescription medications cannot be obtained. The ME is more timely in reporting fatal overdoses.</p> <p>Waterbury – not using ODMAP. Have a faster system that allows Overdose Response Team to respond to the scene.</p>	
Trauma Responsive System	Tabled until we can talk with Colette Anderson @ CT Women’s Consortium.	Invite Colette to next meeting.
Opioid Settlement	AGs office will be invited to present to Full Council in early 2022. DMHAS is taking proposals on how to make the best use of the Opioid Settlement funds. Funding likely to come to the state after July. DMHAS proposed that an Advisory Board be created.	Send ideas for Opioid Settlement funds to Luiza.Barnat@ct.gov
Gambling Implications for OUD Providers	Jeremy has agreed to present.	Need to make a decision about next meeting in order to extend invite to Jeremy
Peer Services	Group discussed challenges resourcing this service in treatment settings, and using them appropriately. CCB has been asked to participate in developing a peer credential. CCAR does not support the credential, others expressed the risk of exploitation if the service becomes “clinicalized.” Community wrap-around services with peer supports was offered as an alternative to treatment-based peer support. Group supports integrated MH and SUD support services, and possibly trained in harm reduction and do outreach to community. There is a Governor’s Task Force on Peer Supports that we don’t want to duplicate. DPH: Community Health Workers – group had questions about this process and feel it may be underutilized.	<p>Invite someone from the Governor’s Task Force on Peer Support to upcoming meeting.</p> <p>Invite Chyrell Bellamy to talk about Community Health Worker certification/ licensing process.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Workforce issue: discussed some of the stigma associated with being on methadone and ability to get recovery coaching jobs. Also, physicians are not able to be on MAT while practicing.</p> <p><u>Keep on future radar:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Register: Registration requirements for Narcotic Tx Programs with Mobile Components 	Read the Federal Register rules and be prepared to discuss at an upcoming meeting.
UPCOMING MEETINGS	Treatment Subcommittee: January 27, 2022 @ 1:00-2:30pm (No December 2021 meeting) ADPC Full Council: December 21 st , 10a-12p	