Alcohol and Drug Policy Council Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

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Prevention Subcommittee Members									
Χ	Allison Fulton (Co-Chair))		Giovanna Mozzo		Robert Kanehl			
	Andrew Lyon	X		Ingrid Gillespie		Robert Lawlor			
	Anna Gasinski			Jennifer Sussman	Х	Sarju Shah (DMHAS Staff Support)			
Χ	Abigail Lieberman	X		Judith Stonger	Х	Scott Szalkiewicz			
Χ	Carleen Zambetti	X		Keri Lloyd (DCF Staff Support)	Х	Shobha Thangada			
	Colleen Violette			Kristi Olds	Х	Surita Rao			
	Daniel Tobin			Nancy Kingwood	Х	Tom Fulton			
	Dawn Niles (OSAC Repre	esentative)		Nathaniel Rickles		Tom Russo			
Χ	Deborah Lake (Co-Chair))		Rebecca Allen					
Χ	Don Maleto			Rodrick Marriott					
Su	pporting Leadership & Ot	her Participants							
Χ	Allison Sullivan	Х	П	Nadine Tulloch	Х	Heather Clinger (presenter)			
Χ	Allyson Nadeau	Х	T	Ramona Anderson	Х	Eric Reynolds (presenter)			
Χ	Alversia Danae Wade	Х	T	Samantha Allard	Х	Erica Previti			
Χ	Christine Hauser	Х	T	Samantha Forbes	Х	Emma Johnson Hollis (presenter)			
Χ	Cynthia Petronia-Vazque	ez X	T	Steven Wolf	Х	Sara Moriarty (DPH) (presenter)			
Х	Diana Shaw	Х		Wendy Mill (GPP)	Х	Stephanie Welch (DMHAS)			
Х	Kelly Leppard	X	+	Tom Fulton		(presenter)			

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
Welcome	The meeting began at 1:30p.m.	Minutes to be
Review of Minutes	March meeting minutes received a motion to review next by Surita Rao.	reviewed in May.
OSAC	This committee submitted a recommendation to OSAC that is a multi-prong	Recommendation
Recommendations	approach to expanding Naloxone by: 1) increasing naloxone access across the	revisions to be
Update	state 2) piloting vending machines across the state and 3) having access to	made and
	community members (e.g. libraries, campuses). OSAC committee reviewed the	submitted to
	recommendation and had a couple questions and have asked us to make a	OSAC for review.
	couple adjustments and resubmit. Once resubmitted we anticipate review by the	
	OSAC full council and if approved, additional funding.	
Quarterly Federal	DPH - OD2A-S (Update by Erica Previti & Sara Moriarty)	
Grant Updates		P
	Current priority on health equity	
	Funds 49 state health departments and DC	ADPC Prevention Subcomittee-DPH slid
	CDC broke off the grant for local health authorities to apply for funding;	Subcommittee-DFH silu
	reaching out to partner with these entities.	
	Today, looking at Strategy 8 (Harm Reduction) and 9 (community-Based Today, looking at Strategy 8 (Harm Reduction) and 9 (community-Based)	
	Linkage to Care. Will focus on other Strategies in future meetings.	
	Strategy 8 is in the RFP Process	
	 Local health departments can apply 	
	 Lived experience overdose response technicians who 	
	act as navigators with persons who use drugs (PWUD)	
	 Reviewed Intended Outcomes and Deliverables 	

- Ensuring that PWUD have access overdose prevention and reversal tools, treatment options and drug checking equipment.
- Strategy 9 contracted with CCAR drafting contract
 - Expand co-location of recovery coaches in Hartford Hospital
 - Supporting retention in care following individuals discharging from acute care
- Shobha Thangada shared that CT was of 20 states to receive funding for bio-surveillance. Looking at non-fatal urine overdose specimens. Have to meet a certain number of specimens per week; not currently meeting that mark so are looking to partner with additional hospitals. St. Mary's has expressed interest. Finalizing 2023 numbers. Fentanyl remains the primary substance for overdose fatalities but tracking trends of other drugs including Xylazine and designer benzodiazepines.

DMHAS- SPF-Rx (Update by Stephanie Welch)

- Funding through September 2026 to reduce non-medical use of prescription drugs and prevent overdoses
- Husky CT website in development
- Reflections from the interns were included in their presentations
- Will continue identifying and engaging key partners
- SPARS data entry which is a federal requirement

DMHAS - SOR (Update by Stephanie Welch)

- Funding ends this September. Focus is to reduce opioid overdose related deaths.
- GPP helps manage the Fatherhood Initiative reaching 250+ fathers per month who receive prevention messaging, resources, etc.
- Will continue to collect data, evaluation and future planning to see if there are another 2 years available for funding under SAMHSA

DMHAS - PFS (Update by Stephanie Welch)

- Funding from SAMHSA that goes through Sept 2027 to prevent underage drinking among youth ages 12-17.
- Competitive process for subrecipient agencies.
- 4/5 Coordinators are hired; McCall working to hire a new coordinator.
- Working with Dept of Consumer Protection Liquor Control to do community compliance checks. Hire youth 16-20 as investigative agents as part time state employees. Recruitment happens through the DAS website as "Investigative Aide".

DMHAS - PDO (Update by Stephanie Welch)

- Funding through August 2028 to reduce # of prescription drug/opioid overdose deaths and adverse events among individuals 18+.
- Focus: Train first responders; Implementing secondary prevention strategies; Strengthen capacity of communities
- Currently in the contracting process and will have more information to share at a later date.

Recovery Friendly Workplaces

Recovery Friendly Workplaces (RFW) provide resources and support to employees in need. They have buy-in from key decision makers, receive training on reducing stigma and creating healthy work environments and utilize peer champions to help increase employee engagement.

Presented by Eric Reynolds and Emma Johnson Hollis

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	How to become a RFW - agencies go through a distinct learning journey completing an internal assessment, identifying a peer champion, identifying existing resources and education and identifying additional areas of need.	Recovery Friendly Workplace FINAL-pdf			
	In 2019, Dept of Labor received funding in support of the "CT Works to Recover" program. This has evolved into an ongoing partnership including DPH, DMHAS and RBHAOs. Coordinators within the RBHAOs are working to expand its reach and impact. This includes a resurfaced webpage, increased awareness and participation among CT businesses.				
Recovery Friendly	Funded by DMHAS with support from SAMHSA and Coordinated by Wheeler.	Presented by			
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Campus	Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative (CHCI) works with institutions of higher	Heather Clinger			
	learning to create healthy campuses.				
	Key focus areas and benefits were reviewed	1			
	 14 campuses have received grant funding 				
	Youth Recovery CT is a collaborative of grant-funded agencies that provide	ADPC Prevention Subcommittee Recove			
	recovery groups and activities for youth and families.	Subcommittee_Recov			
	Workgroup participants were recruited this past summer. A number of resources				
	available to campuses which will be built into a future toolkit.				
	Safe Campus - National resource - held an 8 week summer series program -				
	Heather and Pam Mulready were accepted into this and further refined the				
	campus survey as a result of information learned at this series. Survey launched				
	in February; campuses are currently able to participate in this survey to share				
	what resources they have/need and what they think would be helpful to be				
	included in the toolkit that the workgroup will be developing. Once the toolkit is				
	developed will send out to campus communities throughout the state and offer				
	training.				
	Any campuses are invited to join this work.				
Meeting					
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.				
	Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:				
	Monday, May 20, 2024, 1:30 – 3:30pm				
	Next Full ADPC Meeting:				
	Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm				