



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Intervention, Treatment & Recovery

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage/Benjamin Agati

September 14, 2017 – 9:00AM-10:30AM

Minutes

Attendees: Seddon Savage, Chris Shambarger, Helen Pervanas, Kathy Bizarro (phone), Tiffany Bartke, Rekha Sreedhara, Yashira Pepin, Paula Mathis, Joe Hannon, Michelle Ricco Jonas, Melissa Silvey, Nicole Rodler, Beth Sargent, Bill Wood, Sandra Kiplagat and Alex Casale (phone), Mary Golleher (student)

I. Approved August 10, 2017 Minutes

- Minor edits made to the meeting notes.

II. Presentation of CDC Overdose Death Data Grant

- Presentation was not scheduled.

III. Discussed Updates to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) - Michelle Ricco Jonas

- Senate Bill 31 allows the release of data from the PDMP to provide annual reports of de-identified data on prescribing rates. Michelle has discussed there have been ongoing collaborations with Abbott Willard, from the Institute of Health Practice (IHPP) with the hopes of creating a more robust report.
- The PDMP also recently changed to a new database and went live on July 2017. Prescribers and chain pharmacies must upload data daily and veterinarians are required to submit data weekly.
- Michelle is currently in the process of developing and implementing guidelines for the request of data.
- They have applied for a grant to hire a data analyst and a compliance position for prescribers and pharmacies.
- Michelle indicated that she is hoping to gain additional funds in order to do advanced analytics to provide prescriber report cards in comparison to their specialty and general doctors. *Michelle will send a copy of the prescriber report cards to be reviewed by the Opioid Task Force.*
- Opioid TF members noted that there is need for legislation to make the data accessible to public health researchers. For example, we can research on states that have successfully passed legislation and consult with the advisory board.

IV. Reviewed July Drug Monitoring Initiative Report

- There was discussion regarding high opioid use in some counties i.e. Sullivan County but the data in the DMI reports indicate reduction in overdose deaths and EMS calls. Members suggested one reason being increased public access to naloxone administration.
- For overdose deaths, the rate of rise is beginning to slow down.

- Similar reports are expected in Middlesex County, MA where a 14% decrease is expected in overdose deaths by the end of the year. In Middlesex County, the police use social media to alert the public about new products like carfentanil.
- By July 12, 2017, there were 10 deaths related to use of carfentanil.
- *Beth Sargent will discuss the use of social media with Police Chiefs to see if this is a practice that can be universalized.*
- It was also suggested that NH develop an app to download information easily (without easily being tracked), and could collaborate with Northeast NIDA of Clinical Trials Network to create a centralized app that would include alerts, resources, etc.

V. Update on Draft Opioid Insert Card

- There was discussion on pilot testing the material in Walgreens (Rochester) location. Once the insert card is finalized, Tiffany will consult with Corporate to obtain approval to include the cards in opioid prescription drug pharmacy bags.
- For additional resources, please check out Masspharmacists.org, an association that educates fellow pharmacists on “Overdose Prevention”. The website includes naloxone information guides, pharmacist toolkits and prescription drug monitoring program.
- *Michelle will look up Board rules to ensure the insert card aligns with these rules.*

VI. Update on Harm Reduction Activities (Task Force Priority 1)

- The New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition has the following upcoming events:
 - o Overdose Prevention & Response: Train-the-Trainer: September 19
 - o Starting Syringe Services Programs: September 22
- Dartmouth is currently working on finalizing the Harm Reduction Conference scheduled for January 18, 2018. The conference will be held at the Police Standards and Training Unit, at 17 Institute Drive, in Concord, NH.

VII. Sector/Department Updates & Other Business

- Melissa Silvey mentioned that there have been presentations focused on decreasing stigma among healthcare professionals. *Melissa will share the presentations with the group.*
- There is a law enforcement grant to increase naloxone training among police officers. There are currently 216 police officers in the State who have received naloxone training.
- Former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tom Price, will be visiting Goodwin Community Health to discuss grants in federally qualified health centers.
- SBIRT presentations in Anaheim and Florida: the presentations will incorporate the use of SBIRT in Juvenile Justice Diversion. *Nicole Rodler will share a map of Juvenile Justice with the team as well as the points of contact.*
- It was mentioned that we can invite Mike McCallister, a representative of the Department of Corrections to provide insight and share during a future meeting.
- Bill Sherry from 211 will be joining the Opioid Task Force in the next meeting.

VIII. Opioid TF priority of seamless management of SUDs across the justice system

- Strategy for beginning work on these issues was discussed.
- It was agreed that to start the process we would:
 - o Sketch out the units of the system with which people engage (e.g. arrest, court hearing, jail, prison, probation & parole, etc.) at the next meeting.
 - o Inventory what is currently being done related to SUDs in each of these settings.
 - Identify model practices (if any) from around the country.
 - Consider gaps, needs, goal/best practices for NH
 - Map out strategies to get to where we want to be.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 9:00AM-10:30AM

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