



**BOAC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2021**  
**Zoom 10AM – 11AM**

**Present:** Marissa Knapp, Ray Serowik, Carmela Pirich, Amanda Lewis, Chris Scott, Alexis Pleus, Rose Olsen, Megan Wise, Tina Survilla, Jessie Sullivan, Erica Robinson, Liz Girolami, Terry Carey, Jill Alford-Hammit, Liz Parks, Lisa Wilson, Jim Mullins

Introductions were made and meeting was called to order by Marissa Knapp.

**Presentation – ACBC report from the COOCLI Grant**

- See attachment
- Carmela informed us ACBC has been approved for the syringe exchange.

**Updates and Reports:**

**BCHD**

- Marissa reported BCHD COVID vaccine PODS are starting.
- BCHD is hiring contract tracers as well as for the vaccine clinics.
- BCHD requests help in spreading the word if you have been exposed to COVID – STAY HOME.
- BCHD is providing temporary housing for the homeless and food for those who are in need and have tested COVID positive.
- BCHD is providing rapid testing.
- Reviewed guidance on essential workers.
- The mini grants are included in the budget just waiting for approval, Marissa will share the details when they become available.

**Truth Pharm**

- Alexis informed us that after setting up the office a life was saved.
- Taking volunteers for “Never Use Alone” Hotline number 1-800-997-2280
- TruthPharm offers on going overdose training.
- CAC summit is next week. See web site to sign up.  
<https://www.catskillsaddictioncoalition.org/cac-2021-community-summit?fbclid=IwAR01speCCWdnBMp0Sb9mhnmskcwHyioRGZcTrjnXFAA-vJrxpHUiSPRJ9FA>  
NYS Harm Reduction is holding first conference starting January 24, 2021.  
<https://nyshra.org/events/>
- Syringe exchange starts next week.



“Clearing the Confusion” is starting 1/20/202

<https://www.facebook.com/events/417292846073071>

**Lourdes**

- COVID vaccinations are ongoing.
- Prevention education has been continuing services within school districts virtually.
- Yoga trauma classes have been going on Mondays, along with Wellness Wednesday, fitness classes on Thursday.

**Allen Willmar**

- December 31, 2020, Dr. Peter Ronan retired. Julia Hunter is the new director.
- Trying to work through the COVID barriers with home deliveries, giving vaccines, limited capacity with rooms.
- Seeing a dramatic increase with infections from those sharing needles.

**Jessie Sullivan - DSS**

- Waivers have been extended through March and folks can apply for programs online.

**Ray Serowik – Emergency Services**

- Shares the latest OD Map numbers from the third quarter.

**Jim Hawley**

- Jim updated the Decembers OD's have increased; Oneida County had the spike over the last few days.
- Handle With Care Initiative – a partnership between law enforcement and education, the school will follow up with school aged children that have experienced trauma, hopefully starting in January.

**Lynne**

- Is currently working on Healing Community Project Committee, funding is available for your programs. Contact Lynne for more details.

**Courtney - OFA**

- Senior Center is still closed.
- Meals on Wheels requests have increased dramatically.
- OFA has found because seniors have been isolated due to COVID, they have not been seeing their PCP regularly that is affecting their health. Remember to check on your neighbors.

***Next meeting is February 5, 2021.***