

BOAC Meeting

12/14/22

Attendees: Marissa Knapp, Christine Stork, Hannah Driskell, Kathy Staples, Erica Robinson, Julianne Lee, Alexis Pleus, Mary McFadden, Nancy Williams, Megan Olmstead, Jillian Beloch, Stacey Rodzinka, Susan Wheeler, Amy Polhamus, Allison Mirabito, Calvin Brown, Cara Fraser, Carmela Pirich, Jules Denning, Laurie Saeman, Sidney Graham

1.) Welcome and Introductions

2.) Christine Stork, BS Pharm, PharmD, MPH, DABAT, FAACT

Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

Clinical Director, Upstate NY Poison Center

- Handles calls from families, medical professionals and police.
- Covers 54 counties and is regionally designated.
- Reports to NYS and American Association of Poison Control and is federally funded.

➤ For specifics of presentation, contact Christine Stork at storkc@upstate.edu

3.) BOAC/Health Department Updates

- Mary: Seeing a drastic increase in the number of flu, RSV and COVID cases this year- not too late to get vaccinated/boosted.
- Marissa: Will be discontinuing the COVID-19 dashboard because contract is ending. Links to CDC's website will be listed on health department's website for people to refer to. Last update will be posted on Jan. 13th.
- There are still free home tests available in the lobby at the health department- please make sure to keep reporting positive at home tests online

- Spike in overdoses- spike alert protocol was used and shared- numbers are highest we've seen. *7 fatal overdoses in 11 days* (Nov. 26-Dec. 6)
- Media is running PSA for free
- So far, 73 overdoses for the year. Typically people using meth and cocaine that has fentanyl mixed in.
- Jim Hawley and Marissa will be going to all the in-services to educate officers on OD Maps and why it's so important to enter those OD's- starting Jan. 30th
- Toxicology reports are entered from the DA's office, and Stacey can enter them into OD Maps from there.
- Xylazine (central nervous system depressant) is believed to now be circulating through Broome County. Jim Hawley trying to meet with law enforcement to start testing substances that are found on scenes of overdoses
- No text alert for last spike in overdoses- weren't entered into OD maps on time.
- Next month's BOAC meeting will continue over zoom and will be in-person in March. March meeting will be the 29th from 8:00-12:00 and will be a strategic planning session at the health department.
- Truth Pharm and ACBC are the recipients of the mini grants.
- Accidental death and injury review team will begin in March or April and Marissa is going to DC in next month to present an abstract at the national conference.
- A next of kin interviewer was selected for the accidental death and injury review team, and an RFA will be put out for a facilitator.

- Sharp kiosk was installed and began to be used at the Health Department this past Spring.
- Information for the CHA and CHIP was captured and will be presented next year.
- Maria: Pharmacy initiative has expanded to work with Medicine Shoppe.
- Maria has access to large stock of lock boxes and is expecting to receive more. Reach out to her if you know someone that would benefit from one.
- Working on campaign for schools to provide info on vaping- kids as young as 8th graders are addicted

4.) Partner Updates

- Hannah: No updates
- Alexis: events being held this week and next- family support group, grief group, Garden of Hope, harm reduction over the holidays, and there is now a family support group in Chenango County. Staff employed at high-risk locations in Broome County were trained to use NARCAN through mini grant funding.
- Erica: No updates
- Jillian: Healing Communities work group next meeting is this month. Getting a review committee together to review RFA's received to distribute funding. Facebook and Instagram page has been made- @broomehealingpartners
- Jules: Wrapping up national needs assessment.
- Megan: Working with parks and req. to install communication boards at local parks to help children in need.
- Julianne: No updates.

- Susan: Tom retiring next month and will become more available.
- Amy: No updates.
- Nancy: Eligible parties can now receive rental assistance for up to two years. This was funding all counties could apply for. Aims to prevent homelessness- Inquire by calling the YWCA and is for men and women. Funding is about \$900,000 a year. Brian Daniels is contact person.
- Calvin: Trying to bring back women's health care clinic. Trying to start HepC support group and smoking cessation group
- Laurie: Seeing many new patients in need of a new provide.

***Next meeting is January 11th at 1:00 over zoom**

***March meeting will be a strategic planning session held at the Health Department on March 29th from 8:00-12:00**