

# **Broome Opioid Awareness Council**

April 1, 2022 | 10am Virtual Zoom Meeting • Broome County Health Department

## **Agenda**

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Call to Order: Marissa Knapp- Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator

In Attendance: Marissa Knapp (Broome County Health Department), Kristin Russell (Broome County Health Department), Maria Fabrizi (Broome County Mental Health), Ray Serowik (Broome County Emergency Services), Sidney Graham (Lourdes Youth Services), Stacey McCabe (Broome County Health Department), Jason Zheng (Broome County Health Department), Mary McFadden (Broome County Health Department), Mike Baker (Broome County Public Defender's Office), Jules Mullen (Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center), Susan Wheeler (Community Member), Tina Survilla (Broome County Department of Social Services), Courtney Hayes (Truth Pharm), Leigh Stevens (Two Rivers Church), Colleen Wagner (County Executive's Office), Jason Garnar (County Executive's Office), Stacey Rodzinka (Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions-

- May In-person Meeting:
  - This meeting will be a discussion on why agencies are there, what's important to them moving forward for BOAC.
  - There will be a large space for everyone to feel comfortable. There will be an option for virtual/call in in the future.

# Updates & reports from partners –

- Broome County Health Department:
  - Mini-grants
    - This week, there was a press conference for the awardees of the mini-grants.
      - Truth Pharm will be working at high-risk locations to put out harm reduction education through a sticker shock campaign. There will also be a Narcan component.
      - ACBC will use funds to purchase a harm reduction vending machine

- Professional Development:
  - Marissa and Kristin presented at a state-wide conference for our Overdose Data 2 Action grant on 3/31. The presentation was on the July harm reduction PSA and its success.
  - Kristin applied and Broome was chosen to present the same presentation at the Helio Health Integrated Care Conference in May.
- Overdose Fatality Review Team
  - Marissa and Kristin met with NYC and NJ Ocean County OFR Coordinators to host a Q&A.
  - Kristin connected the NYC legal team with BCHD and the County Attorney's Office and have a meeting scheduled this month.
  - Marissa and Kristin are working on reconnecting with the NJ Coordinator to connect with their legal department.
  - Kristin applied for the PHAST toolkit grant to prepare to implement an OFR.
  - Kristin reached out to the BC Coroner's office and scheduled a meeting for next week to discuss overdose projects.
  - Kristin attended the COSSAP Next of Kin webinar and continues to attend bi-weekly New to OFR Affinity group.
- DEA Take Back Day:
  - BCHD is partnering with the Prevention Coalition of Broome County and BC Safe to host a DEA Take Back Day site at the Health Department.
  - This will be Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm.
  - There will be partners tabling, Narcan trainings, a COVID-19 vaccination clinic, and more.
  - This year, thanks to STAP, there will be SHARPs collections, and thanks to Tobacco Free Broome, there will be vape cartridge takebacks as well.
  - There is still opportunities to table, if there are agencies interested, they can reach out to Kristin by April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Responses to Dec-Feb Spikes
  - The harm reduction PSA ran from Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - There has been an increase in calls to 211 for information regarding SUD, treatment, harm reduction methods, etc.
- Public Health Fellowship Program:
  - Broome County received a NYS Fellowship grant recently for 5 graduate fellows and 3 fellows.
  - They are working on education and outreach, COVID-19 response and after action, etc.
  - This is a 1-year fellowship with the option for a second year renewal.
  - The fellows will be rotating and working with the Overdose prevention team on initiatives.
- Office of Emergency Services:
  - Overdose Data:
    - Feb. 22- suspected overdoses: 71, suspected fatal overdoses: 10, Naloxone dispensed: 65.
    - March 22- suspected overdoses: 54, suspected fatal overdoses: 3, Naloxone dispensed: 48.
    - Overdose calls have remained high during this period, consistent with the ODMap data
    - Cardiac arrest calls have gone down from the end of the winter.
    - EMS numbers are current and accurate. This data is taken from medical records EMS is typically the last responder, which is why their Naloxone numbers are lower.
    - Naloxone numbers have trended upwards, but EMS Naloxone has trended down.
    - Numbers in Feb were an all-time high.
    - The last police department, Port Dickenson Police Department, has agreed to share overdose data.
- Public Defender's Office:
  - O PSA with Daniel Baldwin:
    - Marissa and Mike have been working together to reach out to Daniel Baldwin to see if he can participate in a PSA targeting the recreational drug users.
    - After the initial discussion, Marissa and Mike discovered his documentary "My Promise to PJ". There

- was consideration for a public screening.
- Courtney from Truth Pharm suggested LinkedIn as a connection with Adam Wietzman.
- O Mike thanks Carmela for providing a Narcan training to the Public Defender's Office
- Mike has been investigating through college interns about harm reduction methods on college campuses. The Public Defender's Office and District Attorney's Office have committed to having Narcan trainings for any college intern that is in their office.
- Prevention Coalition of Broome County:
  - Pharmacy/Deterra Initiative:
    - UHS and Lourdes are on board to implement this initiative at their community facing pharmacies.
    - BCHD and PCBC are working on logistics on how many deterra bags are needed, funding sources, etc.
    - Aiming to implement by June this year.
    - Although BCHD and PCBC have bags for the first year, there is sustainability talks and that's what Maria means by funding sources.
    - The hospitals are working on collecting specific data for implementation.
    - There are a few other counties in the state with legislation, but they are father behind than Broome in this initiative.
    - Maria reached out to OASAS, because they are partnering with Kinney Drugs, to see if they would assist us since there is not Kinney Drugs in Broome.
    - There is a survey that will be connected to the deterra bags to collect data on prescription medication safety.
  - O SHARPs Initiative:
    - BCHD is working on getting a SHARPs kiosk for their department.
    - Thanks to STAP, there will be SHARPs collections at the DEA Take Back Day.
  - O DEA Take Back Day:
    - Maria is looking to engage the community more, so she is trying to get a Food Truck there.
    - The Senator's Office is going to do a mailer again.
    - There will be a radio station there as well.
  - O DFC:
    - Maria is looking to have Ben Court come back to the area to do an informational presentation on Marijuana.
    - PCBC and Tobacco Free Broome have been partnering on smoke-free policies.
    - School work:
      - Before COVID, there was community events at the schools and BCPC and BCHD are interested in implementing this again.
      - There is a documentary called "Dead on Arrival" that's about 30 minutes and there is interest in showing this at the schools. Maria had good feedback from parents that said it prompted good conversation with their kids.
      - BCHD and PCBC will be reaching out to partners again to see if they'd be interested in being panelists. The schools seem very ready to receive any help they can get.
    - Prevention Needs Assessment Survey- Maria is going to be implementing this again next year.
- Department of Social Services:
  - O Housing:
    - There is such a need for housing, that it is overwhelming to DSS.
    - There are still some waivers in place from the state, so there is still a phone or online option.
- Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center:
  - Marijuana:
    - There is work with guidance on marijuana.
    - Partnering with the Monroe County Prevention Lambs to host Jason Kilmer, who will speak on the dangers of underage cannabis use.
    - There is a campaign on the importance of lockboxes and deterra bags for medication safety.

- Two Rivers Church:
  - O Hope Homes:
    - Getting ready to open both men's and women's homes in the spring, possibly next month.
    - Working on getting partners together to share resources, etc.
    - There is not a wait list yet, Leigh is working on their Hope Home application right now and she will send that information to BOAC once it's completed.
  - Virtual trainings:
    - There will be a free virtual training on grief and loss. This will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on zoom. There are CEUs available for CASAC, CPPs, etc.

#### Truth Pharm:

- Ongoing programs:
  - Family Support Group, twice a month at Truth Pharm's Office. There is education provided and community support. This is a small group still, but it is positively reviewed.
  - There are 1-1 family support coaches as well.
  - Clearing the confusion is scheduled to start April 26<sup>th</sup> again virtually for 2 hours for 10 weeks.
  - Courtney is interested in specialized training in high school seniors and would be interested in providing this.
- Issues in the Community:
  - Housing is a large barrier that is seen in the community for drug users.
- Lourdes Youth Services:
  - Issues in the Community:
    - There have been many students who have had issues with being hospitalized due to marijuana being laced with things such as K-2 Spice.
    - There is also a large vaping and nicotine use in the students.
    - There is an issue with students "tricking" one another by giving them items and not explaining what is in them.
  - O Programming:
    - Continuing their programming in their schools
    - There is an increase in Teen Intervene referrals to Youth Services.
    - Narcan trainings will start again soon. There is an interest in Narcan trainings for SROs in the school and administrators.

### 3. Other Announcements/Business -

**Next Meeting: Friday May 6, 2022 IN-PERSON**