

## **Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes January 24, 2018**

Donna Nahlik began the meeting with a Welcome to all especially to the new people in the room and introductions. Please pick up a "Welcome letter" if today is your first meeting. Brief introductions from participants.

Donna asked for a timekeeper to assist with staying on track.

### **Current Business:**

**Bylaws Update** - Amy provided an update on the Partnership and the need to determine a governing structure. A steering committee formed several months ago. She thanked all steering committee members for their diligence in getting through several drafts of the bylaws. A group of individuals familiar with the Partnership but not involved in the steering committee reviewed the draft bylaws and provided suggestions that need reviewed by the steering committee. February 2018 is the target to finalize the bylaws. The steering committee meets on February 13. The intent is to create bylaws which are simple and easy to understand. Two years ago six areas were identified as priorities and they were collapsed into three work groups. The work group chairs, officers and two at large members will comprise the executive committee to start with the ability to add positions as needed. For example, the Partnership does not currently have funding and there is not a treasurer position.

Timeline: **February**- bylaws will be released to the attendees at the meeting and sent via email to everyone on the email list. **March**- discussion and voting on the bylaws.

**Officer Slate of Candidates** – Donna provided an update on the leadership of the Partnership. She highlighted the importance of shared leadership. The Officer Slate of Candidates will be ready to be voted on in February and includes: Caroline Reynolds, Chair; Jessica Duft, Vice-Chair; Karen Tilashalski, Corresponding Secretary and Denise Strehlow, Recording Secretary.

Donna asked for a motion to proceed with the officer elections at the February meeting. Caroline Reynolds offered the motion and Toni Corona provided the second. Motion passed. Officer elections will occur at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Partnership meeting. Nominations are still being accepted. Individuals interested in nominating themselves or someone else should send a message to the Partnership email address.

**St. Louis Opioid Summit Update** – Karen provided an update from the December 5, 2017 summit held at the Eric P. Newman Center at Washington University School of Medicine. Highlights on separate sheet attached.

Amy added that Illinois will have an event in the area. There is an opioid conference, March 7 and 8 in Chicago. Caroline attended an opioid session in northern Illinois.

**EMS Data** – Jessica and Eric (Anderson Hospital) are working to collect EMS data from both Madison and St. Clair counties. Of the overdose reversals reported to date: 47% women, 53% men, 30 is the average age with the range of 16-79.

2 overdose reversals in teens recently; 50% of overdose reversals get 1 dose of Narcan; as many as 4 have been used. All but 2 Madison County Police Departments are carrying Narcan; St. Clair has greater than 50% of police departments carrying Narcan.

Narcan use: Oct, Nov, Dec 18 individuals received Narcan; 16 successful reversals; 2 deaths

To date, all have been caucasian. This is interesting because it is completely different than the data reported for St. Louis and northern IL.

**Website** – Chris Hoell provided an overview of the website. Web site will be [partnershipdrugfree.com](http://partnershipdrugfree.com) and [partnershipdrugfree.org](http://partnershipdrugfree.org) and the funding is from the US Attorney's office. The website is not yet live and will need 2-3 months to get completed. Chris indicated there have been some compromises along the way. They removed the law enforcement tab with specific information about overdoses because of privacy issues. Law enforcement resources will remain. Initial thoughts or ideas had a law enforcement page which was password protected. This will not happen. Treatment finder is the first in the area and has taken a tremendous amount of work. It was noted that it may be missing some providers. A contact us link will be added for future providers to contact the Partnership about their services. Illinois helpline number will be added to the website as well. The helpline is designed to have a live person with a warm hand off.

Caroline reported that she called the helpline and they are referring to SAMSHA organizations only at this time.

Donna asked the participants to check with their organization to see if they were represented on the website and then let her know. Chris asked that all work group leaders review the website.

**Recovery and Family Support Resources** – Two of the work groups are currently compiling resources of support groups for individuals and families. They need the name of the group, location of the group meeting, ages, professionally facilitated or consumer facilitated, and cost. Please send any resources to the [partnershipdrugfreecommunities@gmail.com](mailto:partnershipdrugfreecommunities@gmail.com)

Work groups met for the last 30 minutes of the meeting to review website information.

If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know.

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