

## Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes February 28, 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.

### **Current Business:**

**Officer elections-** The Officer Slate of Candidates includes: Caroline Reynolds, Chair; Jessica Duft, Vice Chair; Karen Tilashalski, Corresponding Secretary and Denise Strehlow, Recording Secretary. Everyone invited to participate in the election of officers. Count will be done by Jean Schram, Toni Corona and Chris Hale. Please complete the ballot and turn it in. Officers' terms will be effective end of February 2018.

**Resources** distributed for

- **Helpline** Illinois is adding organizations
- **Resource cards**
- **Prescription Drop Box Tear off sheets**

Potential hospital representatives meeting to discuss resource use and working together on improving communication and substance use/misuse guidelines.

### **Law Enforcement- Chris Hale**

Pill Mills crack down; crystal meth charges increasing; Fentanyl and heroin continue to be big issues. Madison county Coroner's office is seeing a decrease in heroin and an increase in Fentanyl.

### **Education- Katie**

Working on support group information gathering along with the Treatment work group and website resources collecting continues.

### **Treatment- Donna Nahlik**

Resource cards developed by the treatment work group. Seventy-five different treatment and recovery organizations will be included on the website. These organizations were shared with all organizations for potential referral of clients as needed. Currently working on a poster with a tear off sheet. Funding for the printing is from a Memorial Fund.

**Bylaws Update** - Amy provided a high level overview of the bylaws and asked everyone in the room to review the bylaws that will be emailed following the meeting. The work of the Partnership began in 2006 and the time has come to put some structure in place. The vote on the bylaws will be at the beginning of the March meeting. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the development of the bylaws.

Membership categories include individual and organizational. All visitors are welcome to attend meetings. Members need to attend two meetings per year.

Executive Committee will be comprised of four officers plus standing committee chairs and at least two at large members (appointed by the Executive Committee).

Logo and Branding Executive Committee must approve any use of the logo or branding of the Partnership.

Donations Executive committee oversees the process for donations.

Letters of Support Executive committee oversees the process for letters of support.

**Highland Project-** Shaun (City of Highland Intern and SIUE student)

Opioid issue identified as a project by the City of Highland. SIUE students from various programs.

Phase one/cohort one of students- Conduct Needs assessment:

- To determine what other communities have done around opiate use
- To gain an awareness of what middle and high school students know
- To identify strengths in the community

Buy-in is needed from the community leaders to make actionable steps and funding is also needed.

Moving forward the students at SIUE (each semester a different group of students) will build on the needs assessment.

Phase two/cohort two of students-Identify resources:

- Programs for 14-18 year olds
- Create a resource guide
- Treatment options for family and youth

Nursing student met with City of Highland officials and presented their

- Windshield survey of the community
- Identified resources for parents, family members and people with substance use/misuse issues

Future recommendations:

- Conduct focus groups for teens and others using opiates
- Visit with physicians to discuss prescribing of opiates
- Implement early education programs in schools
- Increase awareness of drug take back resources
- Re-implement IL youth survey for middle school and high school students

Phase three/cohort three

Nursing students will create a drug use prevention education program

**Important note:**

School district is considering bringing back a school resource officer with the City of Highland assisting. (City offered to pay 25% of salary).

**Other updates-**

**Narcan use-** 33 in 2016 and 32 in 2017 which was approximately one administration every 11 days 2018 so far-one administration every 7.8 days

Reminder for health care professionals to be vigilante about opiates in their offices and/or hospitals

Centerstone presents Suicide- The Ripple Effect on April 9 at 7:00 PM SIUE, Morris University Center-Meridian Ballroom.

If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at [denise.strehlow@bjc.org](mailto:denise.strehlow@bjc.org) or 314-580-3767.