

**Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes**  
**April 25, 2018**  
**10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital, Education Classrooms**

Caroline Reynolds began the meeting with a Welcome and asked for brief introductions from participants.

**Current Business:**

Caroline discussed commitment letters. The intent of the commitment letter is to determine who partners are and to provide some structure for voting on future issues. Individuals and organizations are asked to complete the letter and return to Karen.

Caroline discussed information sharing guidelines and the importance of focusing on the mission of the Partnership. Event information that supports the mission of the Partnership will be shared through email list.

Karen provided an update on the Madison County EMS Data about reported naloxone administrations:

- 2017- 75% of EMS reporting-3500 doses of naloxone administered
- 2018(first quarter)- 96% of EMS reporting 1007 doses of naloxone administered

If current trend continues in 2018, there may be 15% more EMS naloxone administrations compared to 2017.

**Guest Speaker-** Then and Now - Industry Playbooks and Addiction Marketing - Jean Schram introduced the DVD.

Then and Now shows the comparison of tobacco company advertising and marijuana promotion. Key points across the timeline of tobacco use and the growth of medical marijuana are discussed.

Conversation following the DVD centered on the topic of “what can we do?”

- Use the one page handout Jean Schram sent about marijuana
- Learn about what is going on in Springfield with legislation and educate your legislator about your concerns
- Then & Now has tool kits available
- Provide education opportunities for the community including health care professionals (for example: Ed Moses, retired police officer does a great presentation for all audiences)
- Contact Karen or Jean to borrow the video

**Workgroup updates:**

**Treatment and Recovery Supports-** Donna Nahlik provided the update for the group. Currently, the group is seeking a co-chair to assist Jean as Donna is working on efforts in St. Clair County. The group developed new objectives to address challenges.

1. Clients report difficulty accessing information on available treatment resources
  - a. Develop a system to regularly check in with providers to ensure they are using the treatment guide to refer individuals if they cannot see them (for whatever reason)
  - b. Maintain the treatment resources on the website
2. There are inconsistent or insufficient recovery supports for individuals and families

- a. Increase awareness of 12 step programs in the communities for both the public and people in treatment
  - b. Maintain support group resources on the website
- 3. There is low availability of residential and/or detox beds
  - a. Educate community partners on substance use treatment levels of care to further understand the changing treatment landscape (for example: pairing quality outpatient treatment with medically assisted treatment is in many cases just as effective as residential care)
  - b. Collect data on scope of access issue
  - c. Advocate with community and state leaders about issues related to access to care (for example issues related to hospital detox for individuals with Medicaid).
- 4. There is stigma and judgement regarding individuals with substance use disorder
  - a. Host educational events around substance use to reduce stigma and judgement
  - b. Develop campaign to reduce stigma and educate community members on substance use disorder (for example social media and other platforms)

The posters “Do you or someone you know have a problem with substance use” will be available soon for distribution. The intent is to post them in locations where people are and might be able to pull off a tear off sheet discreetly to get resources to assist them. Partners will be asked to help with distribution as soon as the posters are completed.

Any mentioned the Madison County Medical Reserve Corp may be able to assist with distribution of the posters and other resources.

**The Treatment Work Group’s meeting is second Tuesday of each month at noon at Chestnut, Maryville location.** Join us and bring your lunch.

**Law Enforcement- Tom Gibbons** will continue as the chair of the group. Tayleur provided the update for Tom. The group is working to schedule regular meetings and have selected the Wednesday of the week before the Partnership. The group meets at the States Attorney’s office at noon. Anyone interested in law enforcement is invited. Calvin mentioned it would be helpful for the law enforcement group to have participation from other organizations at their meeting to assist with better understanding the needs. April 27 is town hall meeting/opiate update and community resource table available. April 28 Rx take-back day noted with an opportunity for resources to be provided to people dropping of prescription drugs. **Next meeting is May 16 at noon at Madison County States Attorney’s office over lunch. Contact Tayleur at [tablaylock@co.madison.il.us](mailto:tablaylock@co.madison.il.us) for information.**

**Education- Katie Venvertloh**

Working with Treatment on support group information gathering and website resource collecting continues. A brochure on communicating with youth is underdevelopment as is a speaker’s bureau for the website. Katie developed a draft for the organizations to compete with topics for the speaker’s bureau. Also, working on the work plan for future projects and doing assessment of needs. Jessica shared a dashboard to track and easily identify where we are in the work plan process. **Next meeting is immediately following the May Partnership meeting 11:30-12:30.**

**Announcements and Other updates-**

**April 28, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.;** Rx Take-back Day at Madison County Administration Building in the parking lot behind the administration building at 157 N. Main St., Edwardsville. Contact Tayleur at the Madison County States Attorney's Office at [tblaylock@co.madison.il.us](mailto:tblaylock@co.madison.il.us) or 618-296-5354 or [www.deatakeback.com](http://www.deatakeback.com). Other locations will be listed on the website.

**May 12, 7:15 a.m.;** Race for Recovery-Walk for Awareness for NAMI SWI at GCS Ballpark Sauget, IL. Contact Katie Venvertloh at [kvenvertloh@chestnut.org](mailto:kvenvertloh@chestnut.org) or 618-205-8132. Partnership members receive a \$5.00 discount on registration when using code Partnership5. Additional information at [www.namiswi.org](http://www.namiswi.org)

Madison County Health Department is seeking businesses to be trained and then serve as a closed pod for distribution of medications in the event of an emergency. Please contact Michelle Milton at [mmilton@co.madison.il.us](mailto:mmilton@co.madison.il.us) or 618-296-6080.

**May 23, 8:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.;** Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Behavioral health and the Management of Chronic Pain, presented by OSF Psychological Services at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center, Perpetual Help Center, 1 Saint Anthony's Way Alton. See flyer for details.

**June 23, 8:00 a.m.** Volley 4 Veterans, Tournament for Centerstone Military Services, benefits cover mental health and substance use treatment for service members, veterans and their families. See flyer for details.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Please note this is a permanent time change.**

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.