

Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes

August 22, 2018

10:00-11:30 a.m. St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL, Ungacta Conference Room

Caroline Reynolds began the meeting with a Welcome and asked for brief introductions from participants. Caroline thanked HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital for hosting the August meeting. She then provided an overview of the reason the Partnership for Drug-Free Communities meets regularly and reviewed the mission of the group: To mobilize community partners to develop comprehensive strategies focused on drug education, prevention, treatment and enforcement.

Current Business:

- Letters of Commitment are being accepted for individuals and organizations. The intent of the commitment letter is to determine who the 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. Please if you are new to the Partnership please consider becoming a member.
- Jessica provided an overview of the Speakers Bureau and asked all to consider participating as their organization is able. A Speakers Bureau form was shared for member use.
- Karen discussed the website hosting fee and thanked Anderson Hospital for their sponsorship. Other organizations were invited to be a sponsor as well. All sponsoring organizations will be posted on the website. Sponsorship forms were distributed.
- Chelsea discussed the posters and brochures created by the Treatment and Recovery Workgroup. She asked that when these are distributed by partner organizations that the location be communicated to her at treatmentandrecoveryworkgroup@gmail.com to monitor the dissemination.

Guest Speakers: Michelle Charbonnier, MO Network for Opioid Reform and Recovery and James Jordan, Peer Recovery Specialist for Chestnut Health Systems

Michelle Charbonnier explained the mission of the Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery is to provide real solutions for people struggling with substance use disorder. This is accomplished through education, legislative reform, harm reduction, family support, resources for detox and treatment placement, and continued support through the recovery process.

- Some resources include harm reduction and needle exchange programs, Narcan training and free Narcan as well as support groups; Narcan training for people who are in jail and soon to be released
- Parent and youth education programs available and the importance of educating people about the Good Samaritan Law.
- Recovery houses available for women, men and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning individuals
- Programs are free to Missouri residents
- All support groups are open to anyone from anywhere and free

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James Jordan explained his work has been primarily with the police departments in St. Clair and Madison Counties (Technically he is able to reach out 30 miles from the county borders). He meets with the police officers and asks that when Narcan is used to reverse an overdose that his name and contact information is given to the individual. James works with the individual to find the appropriate resources

in the best location. He has helped get individuals into treatment as far away as Chicago. James provides as much support as the individual needs with the end goal of getting them into treatment. He works with family members as well to provide support for them. James has active contact with individuals for 30 days and frequently keeps in touch longer than that. On average, James has worked with 25-30 people/month for the last year.

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Workgroup updates:

Education and Prevention- Kristin Grant provided the update for the group. Jessica Duft provided update on speakers' bureau.

- Survey of senior organizations in process to determine the needs of the senior population with a focus on prescription drug disposal, education and resources available on opiates and other substances.
- An input form was developed to assist in the creation of a speakers' bureau for the Partnership. The form will be revised with input from meeting participants. The intent of the speaker's bureau is to share resources on a variety of topic to meet the needs of the community.
- **The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.**

Treatment and Recovery Supports- Jean Schram and Chelsea Boyles provided the update for the group.

- The posters with resource tear offs are printed and ready for distribution and available today if you have a location or locations to disseminate them. The focus is on the rural areas where people need resources and may be fearful to ask for assistance. If you are able to assist with dissemination of the posters, please contact Chelsea at PartnershipDrugFreeCommunities@gmail.com
- Brochures are also available with the same information to be disseminated in locations which may not be appropriate for a poster.
- The support group list is almost final with new groups added as needed.
- Jean invited family and or individuals in recovery to participate in this workgroup.

The next meeting is September 11 at noon at Chestnut, Maryville location. Join us and bring your lunch.

Law Enforcement- Tom Gibbons provided the update for the group.

- Fentanyl risk for providers and police is an ongoing conversation. Granite City PD has a policy in place to protect their department.
- Proposed legislation about fentanyl criminality and protection of first responders.
- If anyone has any information for police, please contact the Madison County Tip line at 618-296-3000. The information will be shared with the appropriate law enforcement organization.
- **The next meeting is September 19 at noon at Madison County States Attorney's office over lunch.** Contact Tayleur at tablaylock@co.madison.il.us for information.

Announcements and Other updates-

Donna Nahlik announced the St. Clair County Drug Prevention Alliance meets August 23 at 1:00 at the Belleville Chestnut office.

Cary Trame mentioned the August 31st Overdose Awareness Day in Clinton Count. Take Action Coalition of Clinton County meeting on September 13 at 3:00 PM at Ignite Church on Old Route 50 in Breeze, IL. School superintendents asked for the meeting to be held at 3:00 to accommodate their school day.

Amy Yaeger reported Debbie Knoll retired from the Madison County Health Department and Amanda Pruitt is the Interim contact at 618-692-8954. The health department hosted a Narcan training for the Medical Reserve Corp volunteers. They were also provided with the Partnership's brochures and posters to disseminate in their communities.

Tom Gibbons reported October 27 is DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day. There will be a drop off location behind the Madison County Administration Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Information will be available to raise awareness about permanent drop boxes, resources for addiction and recovery.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL. The press conference to highlight the website is scheduled to begin at 11:00.

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