

**January 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes
10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital, Maryville, IL**

The meeting began with a welcome to all by Denise Strehlow. Brief introductions from participants followed. There were **51** people in attendance.

Agenda

Karen Tilashalski provided updates:

- We are planning ahead for the end of funds allotted by organizations to support the costs of the Partnership Website (paid through the end of March 2020). Partnership Website Sponsorship forms were distributed asking for interested organizations to complete the forms and return to Karen L. Tilashalski at Kltlashalski@chestnut.org
- Executive committee has an open position for an At Large Member.
- The Chair and Recording Secretary positions are up for election this year.
- Please let Karen L. Tilashalski Kltlashalski@chestnut.org or any of the Executive Committee know of your interest in joining the leadership for the Partnership.

Denise Strehlow mentioned the 2019 Summary Report is currently in development. It will include the meetings and accomplishments for the Partnership in 2019. Also, please provide the Executive Committee with ideas for presenters for the 2020 meetings. There was a $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet of paper distributed for your input and attached with the minutes.

Karen Tilashalski facilitated the discussion about the deaths from overdose in Madison and St. Clair Counties in 2019. Karen worked with the coroners offices in both counties to gather the information and provide an overview along with some comparison data. The counties do not collect information in the same manner which makes comparison a challenge. Some of the group's discussion points included:

- Polypharmacy is frequently the reason a person overdoses.
- Rarely see pure heroin overdoses.
- Heroin high is longer than the fentanyl high.
- Fentanyl in the community currently is acetyl fentanyl, carfentanyl and blue fentanyl.
- East St. Louis Police Department are not getting Narcan from Chestnut Health Systems.
- Imodium being used by some people to get high.

Guest Speaker

The scheduled presenter was unable to attend the meeting and will be rescheduled for later in the year. The meeting time was used to discuss the Overdose Deaths Report along with questions and concerns about what happens when individual with an addiction completes a treatment. Key points from the discussion:

- Housing is inadequate.
- Resources are needed to help people stay in recovery.
- Other areas have programs such as LA Rise and SWITCH in Utah.
- MERC is working on this in the region.
- People released from prison need assistance with getting housing; halfway houses are far away and have few openings.
- Dream Center is a great resource.

Workgroups:

Education and Prevention

- Education and Prevention workgroup continues the work on the vaping campaign- Escape the Vape. The focus for the vaping campaign has been students, parents and community residents in Madison County and St. Clair County. The Vaping subcommittee has been working on creating guidelines for a video contest with the Youth Board.
- Madison County Board passed an ordinance regarding electronic cigarettes. This ordinance covers unincorporated areas of Madison County. Channel 2's Dan Gray interviewed Amy Yeager about the ordinance.
- The workgroup will provide information at the February meeting about Escape the Vape campaign. Please join the workgroup if you are interested in education and prevention. The meeting is always following the Partnership meeting from 11:45-12:45. Elizabeth at marketing@docbaird.com and Kristin at kmgrant@chestnut.org are the co-chairs.

Recovery and Treatment

- Recovery and Treatment workgroup continues their work on the policies and procedures being impacted by the legalization of marijuana and the work place challenges. The workgroup will meet on February 5th at noon at the Chestnut Health System in Maryville, IL. Please bring your lunch and join the group to discuss future work on treatment and recovery. Chelsea will chair the next meeting and then transition after February 5 to new co-chair positions. Many thanks to Jean and Chelsea for all of work in co-chairing this workgroup. Please reach out to the workgroup chairs if you are interested in attending the next meeting at treatmentandrecoverystworkgroup@gmail.com

Law Enforcement

- **Law Enforcement** workgroup meets on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. Cannabis education is the main topic and most likely will continue to be this year.
- Julie mentioned the FBI Citizens Academy usually adopts a project or initiative. The recent class is working on an opioid awareness project. There may be an opportunity for the Partnership to have access to the information once the project is developed.
- Julie Neiger asked for input from the hospitals about any work being done in the hospitals about opiate use and potential diversion teams.
- The workgroup will meet on February 19 at noon at the Madison County Government office. Please contact Taylor at TDDonohoo@co.madison.il.us if you plan to attend the meeting to reserve your lunch.

The Madison County Health Department is working on the next I-Plan and looking for community partners to assist with the I-Plan. Please contact Amy Yeager at ajyeager@co.madison.il.us

Reminders

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL. If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at denise.strehlow@bjc.org or 314-580-3767.

Some of the group's discussion points included:

I don't want to take credit for everything listed because I question some of the information—thanks! Change carfentanyl to carfentanil.

