

OPIOID CRISIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (OCCC)

THIRD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Allen at 5:23pm.

Individuals present: Theresa Collins, Teron Powell, Ken Henderson, Chris Adams, Alexandra Podolny, Laura Torres, Sean Ford, Deidre McCabe, Joanie Elder, Kathy Kirchner, Drema Bonavidacola, Debbie Nix, Rev. Mimi Matthews, Chris McCabe, James LeMon, Marianne Gibson, Caryn Lasser, Barbara Allen

Individuals on phone: Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, Sean Hughes, Quinton Askew, James Brothers

Minutes Taken: Marianne Gibson

Ms. Allen welcomed participants and each participant introduced themselves.

Minutes from meeting on May 10, 2018 were approved as written.

Ms. Allen referenced the meeting protocols and emphasized the importance of OCCC participants using person-centered language.

Ms. Allen referenced the goal for this meeting was to continue the brainstorming process from last meeting and identify action areas within the identified priority areas: prevention, treatment/recovery, enforcement and adjudication, communication, business/ community engagement.

Ms. Lasser instructed the group to rotate around the room to continue to identify action items from the identified priority areas that the council could take on.

Action items identified that fall within the Council's scope are:

Prevention

- Post county activity chart and treatment resource guide on county website
- Continue to engage school system to increase educational opportunities
- Promote "Talk to your Doctor" campaign
- Create "Athletics against Opioid Use" through athletic leagues
- Promote educational opportunities for physicians

Enforcement/ Adjudication

- Recognition dinner for first responders
- Education on expungement process
- OCCC ride along with police
- Promote SBIRT initiative and other detention center programs
- Q& A with enforcement and providers
- Ask drug court how we can help

Treatment/Recovery

- Expand mobile crisis unit
 - Bridge gap in peer support, support family, assist until bed is available
- Mentorship program (financial, healthy foods, exercise, job skills, grooming, dress)
- Long-term supportive sober housing in the county
 - Educate, promote how developers can successfully run programs, how to fund, identify successful programs currently in place
- Encourage family treatment via website
- Identify affordable inpatient treatment

Business/ Community Engagement (Flora Beto volunteered to chair)

- Anti-stigma campaigns
- Bridges to employment
- Mentors
- “Making Change” Teach life skills to persons in recovery via sober homes, treatment providers, etc.
- Prepare a wish list from what we’d like from business community
- Education to employees, EAPs, to increase awareness of SUD & encourage/ provide ways to support and assist employees
- Try to partner with businesses that want to train/hire individuals with substance use disorders- “supportive employment”
- Create a list of individuals who are willing to hire individuals newly in recovery
- Network with others in recovery who own/ run businesses for hiring, retaining support

Communications

- PSAs featuring families who have lost individuals to SUD, holding zip codes and photos of persons impacted
- Live links from HoCo website to Hocoopioidhelp.com and beforeitstoolate.maryland.gov.
- Tips, “In Plain Sight” program
- PTAC- meet with all PTA members to get programs into their schools/ educate on SUD
 - PTAHC + OCCC- information shared
- Healing tree in the mall for individuals who have lost their lives to opioid use disorder
- Promote and support anti-stigma campaigns around SUD
- Create video and feature monthly forums
- HCPSS - mandatory presentations on opioids for those when they get their parking permits
- All members of OCCC contribute content to website
- Re-creation of overdoses to bring home reality
- Update YTD opioid OD stats once weekly in conjunction with HCDFRS signage

Next meeting on **Thursday, July 12th** will focus on prioritizing action items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm