

HOWARD COUNTY

Opioid Crisis Community Council

July 3, 2019 5:15 – 6:45 pm Columbia/Ellicott Room, George Howard Building
3420 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043
Call in: **605.468.8005 code: 195587#**

Individuals Present:

Barbara Allen, Flora Betro, Sean Ford, Liesele Wood, Beth Harbinson, Debbie Nix, Stephanie Kersheskey(for Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy), John Way, Liesele Wood, Miriam Bennett, Katie Dant.

On the phone: Mimi Mathews, Robin Bartko, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Jimmy Brothers

5:20 Meeting called to order.

Beth H. made a motion to approve the June 5 meeting minutes, Flora 2nd; approved as submitted.

Announcements:

Welcome Katie Dant from Grassroots!

August 31, IOAD Flyer has been sent – please share with your networks

September 21, ROSC Recovery Walk 10-1, Ellicott City Assembly of God, 10600 Frederick Rd. Flyer will be sent soon.

August 6, National Night Out at Harper's Choice on Joseph's Square, 6-9pm, 5485 Harper's Farm Rd.

September 19, date for rescheduled MBIA Opioid Breakfast 8-11:30am - flyer and more details to come.

Ana Park – My Life Foundation Mental Health First Aid classes to be held on 8/15 & 8/25. MLF is working on outreach to the Korean community including through Korean church communities.

BHA Update: Dr. Lisa Burgess is acting Secretary for Behavioral Health Administration. Search for permanent Secretary is under way.

Barbara welcomed Carl DeLorenzo from the CE office. He asked the members to think about getting in front of the announcement and future opening for the residential treatment facility in Howard County. This is a public/private partnership between Delphi Behavioral Health and the County. The announcement of location is likely to come by years end. Delphi Health is working

through the licensing process now. To get ahead of potential opposition, the OCCC will be developing a plan to support the rollout of this resource through education and outreach.

Ideas:

Barbara – think: NIMBY and how to approach the value of having in-county resource like this. Think about messaging; reduce the stigma, pre-emptive messages about substance misuse, door to door information sharing, consider using more up to date language around substance misuse.

Katie – Community film screening w/panel of experts similar to Horizon Foundations mental health film screening held in 2018. Also, consider using the CIT training film; perhaps tie into a lunch event using Mission BBQ.

Flora – outreach to associations to inform of new resource for HR, employees.

John Way – MHFA training for targeted neighboring areas along with naloxone training.

Beth H. – CE could hold a forum for community with mix of professionals, OCCC and lived experience panel.

Debbie N - Zip code PSA w/CE, Police and Fire Chiefs; this has been a long time goal of some members. Suggestion from Beth H. to use neighborhood names instead of zip codes in PSA. County is already reporting on social media using neighborhood names. Seems more identifiable and more defined rather than large indistinct zip codes.

Carl said the JIS (Joint Information Sharing) committee is restarting in July; he will bring this topic to JIS. Barbara said we will incorporate these ideas and more into the Communications committee plan.

UPDATES:

Prevention Committee – Lisielle said pocket card is just about ready for launch – umbrella messaging for behavioral health and substance use disorders. Whole HCHD team is on board; suggestion to “test” card at NNO event in August. Opioid Misuse Prevention Program (OMPP) strategies continue; harm reduction – looking at programs to see how, where that would be implemented in HoCo. Narcan training is now available as drop-in training, 3pm-6pm on the first Tuesday and last Thursday of each month. HCHD will be presenting at Miller’s Grant (senior program) in September – medication awareness, talking with one’s Dr. and family members. HoCoOpioidHelp website is being revamped.

Steve Shuh, Director of the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) met with PD Chief Myers, Jack Kavanagh, Detention Center, Grassroots and HCHD leadership; was pleased with what he learned. Recommendations from Director Shuh:

Pre-arrest diversion program such as LEAD – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion.

Safe Stations or Day report centers – a place where someone can show up and say “I need help” and get into a system of care.

Mobile crisis – work towards 24/7 model.

HCPSS to use SBIRT, provide more prevention education for HS students after 9th grade, additional life skills training. Life skills training is available in HS now, next year will be implemented in MS and HS.

Develop program/event to address compassion fatigue among first-responders, staff.

Barbara shared some observations regarding grant themes for current OCCC funding program. She also mentioned the JHU_APL research project. BH/MH problems are complex – this project intends to create a model indicating the complexities. OCCC members and auxiliary were sent an invite to focus groups run by HIDTA, Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. HIDTA helps fund treatment and prevention programs in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and D.C. HIDTA is part of a program called the Overdose Response Strategy. One of the goals of the Overdose Response Strategy is to find and share effective ways for reducing overdoses and overdose deaths.

Beth H. talked about “mapping” for information regarding the duplication of efforts, collaboration on messaging and programs. Given the many efforts occurring in Maryland, is there a central repository to learn who is doing what as a means not to duplicate efforts? Mapping would help identify where can we collaborate to provide services so we are not recreating the wheel, so to speak.

Chair Allen requested the members continue to bring forward ideas around the in-patient recovery program and how we might help increase acceptance and reduce any opposition.

Next OCCC meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at the George Howard Building, 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Nix