

Minutes

Group: Opioid Addiction and Treatment Stakeholder Meeting

Date: June 8, 2017

Place: Douglas County Fire District No. 2

1. Update on working draft of NCW Region Resources: Cathy Meuret, CDHD, and Chris Tippet, CFADT.

CDHD has information on regional resources. There is a new website design in the works and links to "211" resources will be included. The new website and 211 resource links will be part of outreach efforts.

2. Update on jail inmate MAT and re-entry program: Dr. Butler, CVCH, Tim Hoekstra, CVCH, Loretta Stover, CFADT, Curt Lutz, CCRJ, Steve Clem, DCPA.

Draft CCRJ MAT and re-entry program provided. The program is "going live." DSHS is providing Medicaid eligibility screening and application process for inmates at CCRJ and Medicaid eligibility barriers are being addressed. It will be a few weeks before the first inmates become eligible, based upon expected release dates.

3. Update on Narcan (Naloxone Hydrochloride) overdose rescue kits for law enforcement: Brian Burnett, Sheriff, CCSO, Loretta Stover, CFADT, Courtney Ward, NCWBH.

Grants moving forward. LEA are working on policies for Narcan equipping and use. Issue has come up regarding impact of vehicle temperatures on Narcan.

4. Update on public education campaign and outreach regarding heroin/opioid addiction and treatment: Cathy Meuret, CDHD.

Cathy has developed a logic model for designing and implementing the public education campaign. Seeking stakeholders who would be willing to lead campaigns for specific target groups: prescribers, pharmacies, health care institutions, EMS, criminal justice, treatment providers, social service agencies, counselors and therapists, schools, general public (youth, elders, mentally ill, family and caregivers.)

5. Update on opioid addiction and overdose discharge planning by case managers: Dr. Freed, CH.

This is an Emergency Department focus. There have been approximately 1,000 patients at the CH ED with opioid issues. Dr. Freed and ACH are working on data issues.

6. Discussions regarding sustainability of effective treatment: focus on housing.

Sandra VanOsten, City of Wenatchee, 888-3250, presented information on housing. Housing shortage is critical in the Wenatchee Valley. Jail inmates post-release are eligible for housing services. There are over 100 on the housing waiting list. There is a need for at least 50 more transitional beds.

As reported by Steve Clem -

Jennifer Latimer, CCRJ, 667-6338, coordinates services for released inmates and is unable to attend due to vacation..

Cheri Banning, Oxford Houses, 885-5602, is looking for additional Oxford House sites. MAT using suboxone is no longer a barrier to residency.

Catholic Charities (CFCS) does not have a housing capital project planned. If eligible, housing can be provided through PORCH and PATH programs. (Shawn/Paula – 662-6761 x3065)

7. Next Steps:

- Continue CDHD/211 website development
- Continue public outreach development
- Report back on CCRJ MAT program
- Possible expansion of MAT to Okanogan and Grant Counties?
- Take Back program toolkit

8. Net Meeting:

- September 21, 2017
- 9:00 am
- Place TBD