

Minutes

Group: Opioid Addiction and Treatment Stakeholder Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Place: Douglas County Public Services Building

15 people attending in person, no participants by telephone

1-4. Welcome and round table introductions

5. Report from North Central Accountable Community of Health on Opioid Project, work group members, and project templates. Christal Eshelman, NCACH, Malcolm Butler, CVCH.

NCACH has is in the process of getting ready for 2019 Rapid Cycle Opioid Project Grant applications. Strategies and proposed funding levels for those strategies have been prioritized. A two-page 2019 Opioid Project Plan was provided to the group.

6. Update on NCW Region Resources and Win 211 registration by agencies and providers, and effectiveness. No representative attended.

No report.

7. Update on jail inmate MAT and re-entry program in Chelan County and Grant County: Dr. Butler, CVCH, Chris Tippet, CFADT, Billye Tollackson, CCRJ, Joe Kriete, GCSO.

CCRJ – Coordination of release of inmates so that suboxone can be initiated prior to release is still a problem. Inmate stays are relatively short.

GCSO - 5 of 6 inmates receiving vivitrol immediately prior to release are in multiple vivitrol cycles without re-offending.

Both jails reporting that suboxone has become a contraband problem. CCRJ believes that vivitrol may be an easier MAT program based upon the difficulties in coordinating release and short inmate stays.

GCSO is exploring the acquisition of body scanner(s) to eliminate or reduce contraband being brought into the jail. The cost is approximately \$250,000.

8. Update on public education campaign and outreach regarding heroin/opioid addiction and treatment, and Tool Kit webinar. Shawta Sackett, GCHD.

Shawta Sackett was not in attendance. Steve Clem, DCPA, Renee Hunter, Youth Together, and Christal Eshelman reported on the public outreach program

developed by GCHD and implementation as part of an NCACH Rapid Cycle grant. Steve Clem will provide copies of the plan, resources and content by email and post to www.mydocvault.us.

9. Status report on drug overdose/death as CDHD notifiable event and counseling/SAP contact after Narcan administration: Dr. Butler, CVCH, Chris Tippet, CFADT.

Barry Kling, CDHD has led a group developing a policy, report form and reporting protocol. The drafts are complete and are being referred to C-D Health Officer for adoption. Initial overdose/death reports will be submitted to The Center, who will then report non-identifying data to CDHD. Group members will be educating EDs, EMS, law enforcement and coroners.

10. Confluence Health update on efforts to address opioid use and addiction, and MAT.

Dr. Eric Olson reported that training to increase eligible prescribers of suboxone is ongoing. Opioid prescribing policies have been updated.

Dr. Olson is seeking support for implementation of a methadone clinic alternative. It was agreed by the group that a NCACH Rapid Cycle grant could be an appropriate source for funding a planning and implementation study and urged that an application be submitted during the next round of grants.

11. Drug Court – Chelan County's efforts towards developing Drug Court. Chris Tippet, CFADT.

There are now two participants. Maintaining appropriate and required levels of confidentiality is a current focus.

12. Update on progress towards diversion to detox at CFADT in lieu of booking at CCRJC. Chris Tippet, CFADT.

Diversion is occurring, primarily in Chelan County/Wenatchee, but also in Douglas County, East Wenatchee, in lieu of arrest and booking. No report as to whether actual charges are being diverted or declined.

13. Update on possibility of an inmate college reentry program modeled after programs in place in King County. Christal Eshelman, NCACH

The King County program is not transferrable to NCW based upon resources. But, there is a new group, North Central Community Partnership for Transition Solutions, working on the successful transition of incarcerated persons back to our communities. An informational flyer was provided to the group. The next meeting of NC CPTS is on October 4, 10 am, at Confluence Technology Center. The website is www.cpts.info.

14. Okanogan County opioid stakeholders group update. No Okanogan stakeholders attended.

15. Grant County update.

Grant County continues to have narcan administrations in the field and has had one administration in the jail. See vivtrol MAT re-entry program above.

Grant County is working towards implementation of a Drug Court, and is also working towards a crisis stabilization center and supportive housing.

Grant County has a Mobile Operations Team implementing outreach and a needle exchange program.

16. Discussions regarding sustainability of effective treatment: housing, employment, education. See above discussions.

17. Roundtable - other information for group?

There is an open house at the Parkside facility on September 19, 4pm–7pm.

18. Next Steps

Steve Clem, DCPA, is stepping down as facilitator in light of his retirement as DCPA as of December 31. No person volunteered to become the new facilitator.

It was agreed that the majority of those persons and agencies actively participating in this Opioid Stakeholders Group are also participating in the NCACH Opioid Stakeholders Workgroup. The meetings of this Group, although informative, are somewhat duplicative and are “another meeting” for persons with very busy schedules.

It was agreed that, if possible, this Group meet in conjunction with, or immediately following, the NCACH Opioid Stakeholders Workgroup, and that NCACH consider facilitating the meetings of our broader Group. Christal Eschelman, NCACH, will raise this request with the NCACH administration.

19. Next Meeting

In light of consensus to continue meeting, but to do so in conjunction with, or immediately following, the NCACH Opioid Stakeholders Workgroup, a next meeting was not scheduled.