

## Minutes of the DuPage County HOPE Taskforce

**November 16, 2018**

The Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Task Force met on Friday, November 16, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by HOPE Taskforce Co-Chair, Dr. Lanny Wilson at 9:00AM. The following is a list of members in attendance.

<b>Task Force Member Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Attended</b>
Sean Kelley for Bob Berlin	DuPage Co. State's Attorney	X
Daniel Guerin	Chief Judge – 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit	X
Dr. Richard Jorgensen	DuPage Co. Coroner	x
Dr. Darlene Ruscitti	DuPage Co. Regional Office of Education	x
Frank Bibbiano – representing John Zaruba	DuPage Co. Sheriff	
Grant Eckhoff	DuPage County Board Member	
Jeff York	DuPage Co. Public Defender	
Dr. Lanny Wilson	Vice-President, DuPage County Board of Health	X
Karen Ayala	Executive Director, DuPage Co. Health Dept.	X
Bernadine Howard	Program Manager, DuPage Co. Probation Dept.	
Ed Sailer	DuPage Police Chief's Association	X
Jim Burke	DuPage Fire Chief's Association	
Rich Veenstra	Mayor of Addison	X
Mark Piccoli	Director, DUMEG	X
Dr. Aaron Weiner	Director of Addiction Services, Edward Elmhurst Health	X
Christin Kruse	Associate Vice President of Advancement - AMITA	
Jim Scarpace	Executive Director, Gateway	
Michele Worobiec	Chief Counsel, TASC	X
Allison Johnsen	Manager, Business & Program Development, CDH/Delnor	X
Ed Heil	Community Member	X

### **Health Department and DuPage County Staff:**

Penny Chanez, Christopher Hoff, Scott Kaufmann, Rabia Mukhtar, Mila Tsagalis, Nansi Angelopoulos, Tim McGavin

### **Public at Large:**

Brad Gerke, Julie Naples

## **Co-Chair Comments:**

Dr. Wilson welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and provide any updates since the taskforce last met. Areas of discussion included:

- Dr. Weiner - Implementation of RX Box Collection sites at Elmhurst and Edwards Hospitals/Both hospitals are exploring the possibility of Naxalone distribution out of their Emergency Room Departments
- Sean Kelley (SAO Office) – working in collaboration with the Judicial department to work out kinks of the new FOCUS Court.
- Mark Piccoli – doing presentations in the community on the opioid issue to bring awareness
- Karen Ayala – provided information on the latest RX Box collection, there was a record number of prescriptions collected
- Dr. Wilson – conferring with fellow members on the DuPage Medical Society regarding the topic of marijuana legalization
- Bernadine Howard – discussed the training for officers involved with the FOCUS court
- Michele Worobiec – exploring with TASC how readily available Narcan is for purchase for family members and learned that there is quite a bit of misinformation at the local pharmacy level.
- Dr. Wiener shared information on de-naturing packets which when the directions are followed can render opioids ineffective when disposing.
- Mayor Veenstra – continues to keep local mayors informed of the work of the task force

## **II. Acceptance of the Minutes**

Dr. Wilson asked for consensus to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2018 meeting as presented. Corrections: Ms. Worobiec noted she did not attend the October meeting. The minutes will be corrected to reflect this change and will be filed.

## **III. Public Comment**

Suzanne Snyder – Director of Behavioral of Health Services at Access Community Health Services provided public comment.

Ms. Snyder stated she is pleased to be able to share information with the task force members on the how Access Community Health Services is working to address the opioid issue. As a service provider of medication assisted treatment Access has embraced a comprehensive approach to treat opiate addiction including having Narcan in all health centers. This initiative has resulted in two reversals in their centers. All providers and staff are trained.

#### **IV. Impact DuPage**

Chris Hoff of the Health Department provided an update on the role of Impact DuPage across the county.

The purpose of Impact DuPage is to create a common understanding of community needs, gaps and priorities that will advance the well-being of the DuPage County community. To achieve this, Impact DuPage will engage community stakeholders in a coordinated approach to ongoing community needs assessment, resulting in data-driven solutions to address county priorities, align resources, and improve population level outcomes.

Three priorities of focus of Impact DuPage include:

- Behavioral Health/Substance Use
- Affordable Housing
- Health Status Improvement

#### **ACTION PLAN of IMPACT DUPAGE AROUND SUBSTANCE USE**

##### **Expansion RX Box**

RxBox reduces the amount of unused and expired medications in our households by providing safe disposal sites throughout the County.

##### **Safe Prescribing of Opioids**

Focus on a 10% reduction in the prescribing of opioids

##### **Increase Overdose Response**

Expand the number of DuPage Narcan Program sites and the number of by-standers trained. Goal of 1500 person increase in the number of by-standers trained over the next three years.

The goal of the program is to provide police departments, schools and others with Naloxone and proper training to save lives from heroin overdose and to provide individuals with a chance to recover

##### **Mental and Substance Use Treatment**

Increase to access of Medical Assisted Treatment to Medicaid and Non insured populations.

##### **Substance Use and Education**

A goal of a million impressions through the use of social media, marketing around the helpline and a focus on stigma prevention and other resource tools.

## **V. Pilot Project Updates**

A. First Offender Court Unified for Success (FOCUS Court) - Judge Guerin stated the initial launch has been a success. Staff are receiving regular training.

- New enrollees into the program – 34
- Total number of people in the program – approx.170 individuals
- Staff are reaching out to speakers to speak to individuals who are currently in the system.
- Attorneys are embracing the idea
- Areas of needs: continued training, equipment needs (meth and fentanyl urine test kits)

B. Treatment Navigation - Mila Tsagalis shared that training for all four pilot sites is now completed. They include: Glendale Heights, Carol Stream, Bloomingdale and Roselle Police Departments. Two other police departments are ready to expand.

C. Ramp Up – Karen Ayala – the program has completed three of the 12 weeks training. 4 companies have agreed to provide paid internships to those individuals who complete the training and receive certification.

## **VI. Funding and Resource Opportunities**

Local hospitals are exploring the State of Illinois's Hospital Screening and Warm Hand Off grant

The Health Department is exploring opportunities that include treatment programs for correctional and detention facilities that will lead to expanding treatment at the jail. The application due December 31, 2018.

Bloomindale Township Mental Health Board – recommended funding for Access Community Healthcare Network (FQHC) for medicated assisted treatment at Access's Russo Center in Bloomindale.

Dr. Wilson also recognized Taskforce member Ed Heil who also has committed to provide funding towards the efforts of the TaskForce

## **VII. Increasing Overdose Response**

A. DuPage Narcan Program – Mila Tsagalis provided overview of the data for the last four years. Of note:

Increase in the number of successful reversals after the use of Narcan

2018 reversals to date: 148

HOPE DuPage.org- Approx. 700 individual users since the launch of the site. There have been 1743 page views. RX Box page has the most hits.

B. EMS Naloxone Administration – First responder grant is allowing an evaluator to look at the EMS data and is getting closer to the development of a heat map that will include DNP and EMS data.

### **VIII – Next Steps and Other Updates**

Suzanne Snyder – Director of Behavioral of Health Services at Access Community Health Services. Ms. Snyder appreciated being a Bloomingdale Township grant recipient which allowed Access to open the Russo site which is a Medically Assisted Treatment site (MAT) serving DuPage County. Areas highlighted by Ms. Snyder included:

- Helping Hands Project – preventative resource for pediatric providers and families
- Applying to the State of Illinois for SUPR certification and funding for additional MAT sites.
- Accepts Medicaid and private insurance.

Ms. Johnson commented that Northwestern is a MAT facility but only for those individuals who are seeking treatment in their facilities. Ms. Johnson also stated that more education is needed for prescribers, especially those in the areas of private practice and oral surgeons on the prescribing of opiates.

Ms. Johnson also concurred with Mr. Heil on the need for pharmacies to implement take back programs.

Ms. Johnson stated the greatest need in DuPage County is for recovery homes which provide safe and healthy environments that support residents in their recovery.

There was no further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.