

## Minutes of the DuPage County HOPE Taskforce

**October 19, 2018**

The Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Task Force met on Friday, October 19, 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>
Bob Berlin	DuPage Co. State's Attorney	X
John Schow representing 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	X
Grant Eckhoff	DuPage County Board Member	
Jeff York	DuPage Co. Public Defender	x
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	X
Rich Veenstra	Mayor of Addison	X
Mark Piccoli	Director, DUMEG	X
Dr. Aaron Weiner	Director of Addiction Services, Edward Elmhurst Health	
Christin Kruse	Associate Vice President of Advancement - AMITA	X
Jim Scarpace	Executive Director, Gateway	X
Michele Worobiec	Chief Counsel, TASC	
Allison Johnsen	Manager, Business & Program Development, CDH/Delnor	
Ed Heil	Community Member	X

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

Penny Chanez, Christopher Hoff, Scott Kaufmann, Rabia Mukhtar, Mila Tsagalis, Nansi Angelopoulos, Lisa Schvach

### **Public at Large:**

Brad Gerke, Julie Naples, Leslie Reis (Congressman Krishnamoorthi's office), Danielle Kirby

### **Co-Chair Comments:**

Dr. Wilson introduced Ms. Danielle Kirby and Ms. Lisa Schvach who will be presenting before the Taskforce.

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

Dr. Wilson asked for consensus to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2018 meeting as presented. There were no corrections. The minutes will be filed as presented.

## **III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **IV. DuPage County Opioid Mortality Update**

Dr. Jorgensen arrived later to the meeting and presented the following summary of information after the presentations of Ms. Kirby and Ms. Schvach.

Current Opioid deaths same as last year. No progress has been made, except that there is no increase in deaths. Deaths relating to opioid use are broken down as follows:

- 17 heroin only
- 24 heroin/fentanyl
- 14 fentanyl
- 19 prescription drugs

Trends: New fentanyl's are constantly being made. Over the past few months, two new fentanyl's have been seen by Dr. Jorgensen. The most concerning trend is individuals using multiple drugs. An average of 10 different drugs being found in individuals who overdose.

There has been a small uptick in prescription drug use.

## **V. Presentation by Ms. Kirby of the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Substance Use Prevention & Recovery**

The Department was formally known as the Department of Alcohol and Substance Use.

The name change reflects the department's understanding that prevention and recovery are important in the continuum and having a goal which is to get people into recovery.

Ms. Kirby presented information on medication assisted treatment and how it is a critical step for many in the recovery process. Ms. Kirby also addressed the issues of

- Lack of treatment facilities
- Physician medication assisted treatment providers
- Funding/reimbursement rate for Medicaid patients
- Barriers surrounding HIPPA and the ability of providers to share information with each other
- Funding/grant opportunities

## **VI. Presentation by Ms. Schvach – DuPage County Workforce Development Division at WorkNet DuPage Career Center**

Ms. Schvach shared details regarding the County's new WorkForce pilot program named "RAMP Up" Recovery and Manufacturing – A Path UP, which provides free training in manufacturing skills to eligible individuals who are in recovery treatment. Funding is provided through grants and other revenue streams. The partnership is with the College of DuPage and instructors are College of DuPage instructors. The program is launching its first session on October 29 at the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center.

### **VII. Specialty Court for First Time Drug Offenders Update**

In the absence of Judge Guerin, Mr. John Schow provided an update on the newly formed court for first time drug offenders. Addendum #1 provides the details Mr. Schow discussed.

- 3 highly trained probation officers assigned to 190 cases for first time drug offenders
- 10 new cases
- Treatment focused
- Supervised by risk level

### **VIII. Substance Use Treatment Navigation**

Health Dept staff member Chris Hoff provided an update.

- Role call training completed with the four police departments piloting the treatment navigation program. Participating departments include, Glendale Heights, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Roselle
- TASC has dedicated an in-kind staff to work with clients in a case management role
- 2 clients have come through the program in the three weeks since the start of the program

### **IX. Next Steps and Other Updates**

- The next meeting of the Taskforce will be Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no meeting in December
- Re appointments to the Taskforce will occur sometime after the November meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM.