

## Minutes of the DuPage County HOPE Taskforce

**September 21, 2018**

The Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Task Force met on Friday, September 21, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by HOPE Taskforce Co-Chair, Dr. Lanny Wilson at 9:02AM. The following is a list of members in attendance.

<b>Task Force Member Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Attended</b>
Demetri Demopoulos– representing Bob Berlin	DuPage Co. State’s Attorney	X
Alex F. McGimpsey – representing Daniel Guerin	Chief Judge – 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit	X
Dr. Richard Jorgensen	DuPage Co. Coroner	
Dr. Darlene Ruscitti	DuPage Co. Regional Office of Education	
Frank Bibbiano – representing John Zaruba	DuPage Co. Sheriff	X
Grant Eckhoff	DuPage County Board Member	X
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.	
Bernadine Howard	Program Manager, DuPage Co. Probation Dept.	X
Ed Sailer	DuPage Police Chief’s Association	X
Jim Burke	DuPage Fire Chief’s Association	X
Rich Veenstra	Mayor of Addison	
Mark Piccoli	Director, DUMEG	X
Dr. Aaron Weiner	Director of Addiction Services, Edward Elmhurst Health	X
Christin Kruse	Associate Vice President of Advancement - AMITA	X
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:**

Christopher Hoff, Scott Kaufmann, Rabia Mukhtar, Rylie Olson, Mila Tsagalis, Sarah Troll

### **Public at Large:**

Nansi Angelopoulos, Brad Gerke, Sara Lemke, Tom Ricker, Dan Schick, James Swartz

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

Dr. Wilson invited Ms. Tsagalis to provide an update regarding recent trainings. On September 11, 2018, a training was held for police department social workers and others to share police diversion models. On September 20, 2018, an additional training was held to discuss techniques to assist individuals with getting into treatment.

The DuPage County Board and the DuPage County Board of Health each passed a resolution acknowledging September as National Recovery Month.

Representative Durkin and other legislators held a roundtable recently to discuss the opioid epidemic.. Dr. Wilson, Chris Hoff and Mila Tsagalis were in attendance

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

Dr. Wilson asked for a consensus to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2018 meeting as presented. There were no corrections. The minutes will be filed as presented.

## **III. Public Comment: None**

## **IV. GIS Opioid Tools for Communities**

Mr. Eckhoff introduced Mr. Tom Ricker from the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department of DuPage County. Mr. Ricker provided an overview of GIS and shared a variety of maps related to opioid data. These included a map of RxBOX locations and a digital dashboard of opioid deaths developed from data from the DuPage County Coroner. The digital dashboard provides breakdowns of the data by age, gender, and race.

Mr. Ricker also shared an opioid death timeline heat map showing cumulative opioid death data since 2008 in DuPage County, a map showing opioid and fentanyl deaths over time, a map of opioid deaths in relation to education level, and a map of Medicaid coverage hotspots. The GIS department has also developed a DuPage Narcan Program Digital Map Series. Mr. Eckhoff asked about the differences in locations of higher concentrations of deaths compared to higher concentrations of saves. Ms. Kruse asked about the status of obtaining save data from EMS. In response, Ms. Tsagalis shared that there is development in progress of a map that would include most of the EMS save data for the county.

Mr. Ricker shared a map on the National Safety Council website of stories of individuals that have died of an opioid overdose. There is also a map of recovery stories.

Mr. Ricker commented that he would like to meet with other GIS departments across the region to create a larger map. Ms. Tsagalis thanked Mr. Ricker for development of the maps and stated that they are a helpful tool, particularly for inclusion in grant applications.

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

Mr. Eckhoff introduced Judge McGimpsey who provided an update of the First Offender Call Unified for Success (F.O.C.U.S.) program. The start date for the court is September 24, 2018. The Probation Department has dedicated an entire unit to provide increased supervision for offenders in this court. Judge Guerin has been working to increase awareness of the program among stakeholders. The court is a complement to the Drug Court, which targets individuals who have long-term addiction and multiple interactions with the criminal justice system, whereas the FOCUS court works with first-time offenders.

Mr. Eckhoff asked if the State's Attorney determines eligibility for drug court and if everyone is eligible for this court. Judge McGimpsey responded that the court or judge determines eligibility. Dr. Wilson asked about Judge McGimpsey's role in the court, and Judge McGimpsey responded that he will be overseeing all cases.

## **VI. Substance Use Treatment Navigation Update**

Mr. Hoff provided an update of the Treatment Navigation pilot. The goal is to develop a county-wide navigation system for law enforcement. The target audience is individuals who have experienced an opioid overdose reversal. This would expand DCHD Crisis Services to respond with assessments either at law enforcement agencies or at DCHD Crisis Services. It will also include referral to TASC. The pilot is expected to include four law enforcement agencies.

Ms. Johnsen shared that law enforcement agencies said a flyer with an overview would be helpful to increase awareness in departments and that it would be shared at roll call.

Ms. Worobiec shared that this has been a great opportunity for treatment providers to come together, and TASC is reworking the court treatment model for case management for this program.

## **VII. HOPE DuPage Website Communication**

Ms. Tsagalis provided an update regarding the HOPE DuPage Website. Promotion of the website is taking place. She shared a toolkit with content for members to promote the website via social media, newsletters, etc.

Ms. Tsagalis also provided an overdose death data update from Dr. Jorgensen who was unable to attend. From January 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018, there have been 10 deaths attributed to heroin alone, 15 deaths attributed to heroin and fentanyl, 16 deaths attributed to fentanyl alone, and 11 deaths attributed to pills for a total of 52 deaths.

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

Dr. Wilson invited members of the Task Force to share additional updates.

Chief Burke shared several of the recent calls that EMS have received regarding this issue and the heartbreak that families are experiencing.

Ms. Kruse shared that AMITA has applied for a grant to provide medication assisted treatment.

Ms. Worobiec shared her thoughts on the importance of continuing the work to affect change on this issue.

Mr. Demopoulos shared State's Attorney Berlin's enthusiasm for the new court and that they are looking forward to seeing the results of its implementation.

Mr. Piccoli shared that the Prevention Leadership Team will be releasing its annual report next month. Mr. Piccoli also commented that through his work in DUMEG they have not seen the supply of heroin/fentanyl diminish in DuPage County.

Chief Bibbiano shared that the DuPage Sheriff's Office is working on starting a voluntary Vivitrol program in the jail.

Chief Sailor shared that he is looking forward to seeing the benefits of the new program developed in assisting individuals who are seeking help.

Ms. Howard shared that Probation and the Public Defender's Office have been working on implementing the FOCUS court. They may be approaching others on the Task Force for assistance regarding education for low-risk offenders in the program.

Mr. Heil shared that he will continue to raise additional funds for these efforts and \$70,000 have been raised in honor of his upcoming birthday.

Ms. Johnsen commented on the need for a regional residential system to support the recovery process.

Dr. Weiner shared some things that have been happening. Another hospital is dispensing naloxone in the emergency department. DisposeRx is a tool to render opioids inert if someone cannot get to an RxBOX. Linden Oaks is partnering with DCHD. Bill Foster is hosting his annual event 9/29. Linden Oaks hosted a listening session for Rep. Peter Roskam recently.

Mr. Eckhoff -continued talks with Mr. Heil on exploring a 501c3 status or foundation. Dr. Wilson, Director Ayala and Mr. Eckhoff are working with hospitals on the availability of beds.

Dr. Wilson invited Brad Gerke to provide comment. Mr. Gerke shared he is very appreciative of the work being completed by the TaskForce and also shared a few updates on fentanyl.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2018.

There was no further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:42AM.