



Kent County Opioid Task Force Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019

12:00 – 1:30PM

Meeting Notes

Present: Daryl Smith, NuPoint Services; Steve Williams, MI-CCSI; Marsha Mooney, Brett Gingrich, Cherry Health; Michele VanPatten, Davenport University; Arlene Mansfield, Parent/FAN; Fonda Kingsley, MDHHS; Daniel Roper, Lauren Wolf, Mercy Health Saint Mary's; Amanda Schoolmeester, Metro Health; Chris Becker, Kent County Prosecutor's Office; Ken Fawcett, Spectrum Health Healthier Communities; Ben Cammenga, Kent County Sheriff's Department; David Miller, Robin Schenk, Keystone Pharmacy; Amber Hubbell, Kent ISD; Karen Tysa, Grand Rapids Red Project; Amy Oosterink, Rachel Jantz, Sharon Schmidt, Kent County Health Department

Subcommittee Updates:

Prevention (Steve Williams)

The Prevention Subcommittee has three key areas of focus in their A3:

- 1) education focused on providing the Botvin LifeSkills curriculum to Kent County middle and high school youth;
- 2) determining if all emergency departments have a standard protocol for fentanyl screening in routine clinical toxicology testing; it would apply to all people of any age presenting in Kent County emergency departments and allow for targeted education;
- 3) awareness focused on finding resources and materials (articles, handouts, videos, etc.) to place on a yet to be determined website for adult opioid education.

All Task Force participants are being asked to recommend educational materials particularly ones targeted for adult community members. Send to Robin Curtis (robin.curtis@spartannash.com).

Intervention (Marsha Mooney)

Marsha Mooney (Cherry Health) recently joined Steve Alsum as a co-lead for the group.

The A3 business case: we are not able to save lives due to lack of resources in the moment of overdose due to lack of education, stigma, and providers not believing this is within their scope of practice.

The group has five interest areas:

- 1) Provide educational resources to individuals at risk for opioid use disorder
- 2) Provide an educational opportunity around MAT and SUD for care managers
- 3) Create opportunities for discussions within the system of care for any person with SUD
- 4) Create real stories that touch peoples' lives
- 5) Safe consumption site

Priority Health (Vicki Makley) is providing an educational opportunity (1.5 hours) around MAT and SUD for care managers, which will also touch on stigma. It is an ongoing process. (#2)

The group would like to see access to MAT increased upon release from jail.

The most recent meeting was canceled but the group will be meeting soon to fill in some of the experiment section on the A3.

Treatment & Recovery (Chris Becker)

A major focus for the group is to get expanded MAT coverage in the jail. A pilot project has been going for 12-18 months for people participating in the drug court to get MAT. It's been successful, and the new sheriff is agreeable to expanding it. There's general agreement that continuation of treatment is okay for anyone coming into jail who is on MAT, but there is reluctance to start treatment with those who don't already have a prescription. If people don't have a prescription for MAT, can they be given naloxone upon release?

The group is also looking at transportation options for people with SUD. Is there a barrier to people getting treatment because they don't have transportation? Attention is usually paid to the urban/suburban areas, but what's available in the rural areas?

Recovery coaches are working talking to SUD patients who present at the Spectrum ED. It took a long time to get the program going but it has been effective at Butterworth so far.

Kent County Data Report (Rachel Jantz)

The data for 2018 is considered final. The 67 deaths in 2018 is about a 30% decrease from 2017.

As of May 6, 2019, there have been 21 total drug overdose deaths and 17 are opioid related. Ages are a little younger than what we were seeing last year.

It's been said the opioid epidemic has come in three waves: deaths associated with an increase of prescriptions, deaths involving heroin, and deaths involving fentanyl.

A fourth wave, deaths involving stimulants, is starting to be seen. Nine deaths have involved cocaine this year which is almost half of the deaths this year.

Rachel said the numbers reported will include just Kent County residents. This is consistent with how other counties in the state are reporting.

PSAs (Rachel Jantz)

The Pitch Your Pills PSA is not being picked up by the local media. Rachel will be working to figure out why it wasn't and if this is a project we want to continue.

All Task Force participants are being asked to check with their agencies to see if the PSA can be included on a looping video that's played on in the lobby/waiting areas or have it put on the agency website. Email Rachel (rachel.jantz@kentcountymi.gov) with your information.

Some show a slide show rather than a looping video. Is there an image/still picture that could be utilized by those agencies?

Several requests were made for paper materials like posters or brochures. The information isn't currently available in those formats.

MI Recovery Update (Amy Oosterink)

The website, funded through an Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC) grant, is in Phase 3. Several changes were made to the site to improve user experience including the addition of 144 mental health listings related to SUD. Even the colors were changed to warmer, more comforting colors.

A section of the website continues to promote stigma reduction.

Soon providers will get a unique login allowing them to go to the site and update or add their information. The site will update in about 15 minutes. It's the closest we can get to real time updates right now.

The budget was cut by about \$100,000 and money was delayed in arriving for this phase so there was only two and half months to complete the work. There has been no time or money to do a lot of marketing. We are depending on our partners and professional networks to help spread the word about the site.

The website currently covers the seven counties in the Lakeshore Regional Entity (Region 3). The regions are changing in the fall so information could change. An effort to take this statewide is still being discussed.

Bloomberg Philanthropies / Vital Strategies (Ken Fawcett)

Bloomberg Philanthropies is heavily invested in Pennsylvania especially the Philadelphia area. They've selected Michigan as the next state they'd like to work in with \$10 million and a focus on southeast Michigan. Vital Strategies has been hired by Bloomberg to come into Michigan and act as an intermediary. Vital Strategies administers the funds and has heard about the good

things going on in Kent County, so we will be meeting with them in the future. Subcommittee members may be contacted to provide information.

Round Table

Kent Intermediate School District - wants to host a community focused opioid day for teachers and connect that with the new curriculum coming out. The timeframe to do this is August or September. Contact Amber (AmberHubbell@kentisd.org) for more information.

Cherry Health – their standing order for naloxone has been in place for a while; a barrier was the high copay and a high number of uninsured individuals. In a relationship with Direct Relief, Cherry Health has been provided with 50 free naloxone kits and more are available through them. Not sure if this program is available to hospitals but it is open to Federally Qualified Health Centers.

NuPoint Services – is speaking with their toxicology lab to provide tests for every patient to include new drugs without increasing costs to patients. Working with Blue Cross to create a fee for MAT. With Blue Cross that's with the pharmacy side.

Metro Hospital – Mandi says the emergency department doesn't capture fentanyl in the urine tox screen.

Arlene asked about tracking methamphetamine since that's becoming more prevalent. Individuals are either using both or have switched from heroin to meth. Rachel said she will have to look at other ways to capture this data since deaths aren't catching that information.

St. Mary's reminded everyone they give naloxone kits and they are handed out at a doctor's discretion. Kits could go to someone after an overdose or to an elderly patient going on temporary pain relief. They will run insurance to see if it's covered. Medicaid covers it completely. If the person is uninsured, St. Mary's will absorb the cost. About 200 kits have been handed out since September 2017.

Next Meeting – Subcommittees

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Kent County Health Department, Lake Huron Conference Room

Prevention: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Intervention: 12:45 – 1:45 PM

Treatment & Recovery: 2:00 – 3:00 PM