

Linn County Opioid Steering Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 2:00 PM
Linn County Public Health
Conference Room at 501 13th Street NW

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Dwivedi welcomed everyone to the meeting—emphasizing that this is the 5th meeting.

Present:

Dale Todd, Erin Foster, Pramod Dwivedi, Karen Howe, Cindy Petzer, Timothy McGullam, Amy Wilson, Andy Olsen, Karen Howe, Cindy Pelzer, Jacklyn Gillen, Jamie Henly, Pat Reiner, Jennifer Seyfer, Laura Faircloth, Tony Meyers, Rod Courtney, Al Fear, Kevin Techau, John Stuelke, Lori Taylor, Jacquie Fitzgerald, Joe McHale, Mallory Hughes, Michaela Ramm, Sarah Ziegenharn, Lori Weih, Greg Britenhorst, Erin Langdon

Discussion on Legislation

- -State passed Legislation for Opioids and regulation for pharmacies called the Opioid Bill*
 - This includes Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), the Good Samaritan Law, Adding Naloxone for first responders
 - Controlled and Non-controlled substances election-January 2020

Discussion on Data Linkage

- This is ongoing work by the Medical Examiner's Office and local hospitals, specifically keying in on overdose numbers for prevention purposes

Discussion on Syndromic Surveillance

- Syndromic Surveillance is surveillance using health-related data that precede diagnosis and signal a sufficient probability of a case or an outbreak to warrant further public health response
- Linn County is currently working on the syndromic service systems regarding overdoses within the community

Department of Agriculture Rural Development

- Karen Howe and Cindy Petzer with the USDA – Rural Development joined us to discuss an overview of assistance from the USDA
 - Assistance includes, but is not limited to, community facilities (child care, libraries, ambulances, etc)
 - Medical equipment, such as heart monitors
 - Counties must have a population of 20,000 or less, which can determine the amount of grant funding they receive
 - Communities can receive anywhere between 15% and 55%
 - Congress has granted the USDA—Rural Development with \$5 million for the opioid crisis
 - Loans or grants counties receive from the USDA can be anything tied to opioids, such as ambulances, equipment, computer systems, incinerators, canines (cars, not dogs) and so on. Naloxone is not covered

- To receive more information regarding this, you can visit the USDA Rural Development website and search under community facilities

Survey Results and Sub-Committee Sign-Up

- Chair/Co-Chairs for Sub-Committees (so far)
 - Prevention & Community Education
 - Katie Reasner
 - Health Care, Treatment & Harm Reduction
 - Sarah Ziegenhorn & Amy Wilson
 - First Responders & Law Enforcement
 - Jackie Gillen
 - Data Collection
 - Joe McHale
 - Legislative
 - Kevin Techau
- Feedback stated that we should fit media into all sub-committees
- Data Collection should be shared by all other sub-committees

Break Down into Sub-Committees and General Objectives

- Prevention and Community Education
 1. Education on medication storage and disposal
 2. Educate community members on dangers of opioid use
 3. Develop framework for community-wide opioid prevention campaign
- Health Care, Treatment & Harm Reduction
 1. Post Emergency Department visit: Overdose follow-up with care coordination, patient navigation, MAT linkage
- First Responders & Law Enforcement
 1. Referral Card, Warm Hand-off concept
 2. CEH/CEU/CLE programs
 3. Good Samaritan , Community Trust Call 911, Overdose Investigations
- Data Collection
 1. What do we want to know?
 - Time, place, race, gender, age, occupation, drug type, criminally involved, how are they getting treated
 2. Where does data live and how is it shared?
 3. What are data sets that will drive the strategy (What is the strategy?)
- Legislative
 1. Working with elected officials to stay informed of needs of the community as well as what the data is telling is occurring.

Wrap-Up & Next Meeting Plans

- Correspondence via email in the next few days:
 1. Who will officially be the chairs of these groups? Steering Committee Member Plus others?
 2. A link to a Google Doc will be sent out. Please find your sub-committee and enter your name. This will help organize things as a whole

- Think about other people you would have in mind that are not a part of the Steering Committee that you think would be a great candidate for a sub-committee
- Next meeting will take place on **August 1, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 PM at Linn County Public Health.**