

MINUTES

Linn County Opioid Steering Committee

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

2:00-3:30 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Andy Oleson, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

Present

Andy Oleson, Katie Reasner, Jim Houser, Jacklyn Gillen, Joe McHale, Emily Parker, Rod Courtney, Kevin Techau, Lindsay Schrader, Amy Doerrfeld, Mallory Hughes, Elizabeth Kluesner, Barb Gay, Jennifer Donovan, Jennifer Seyfer, John Stuelke, Laura Faircloth, Stephanie Neff, Lori Weih, Cathy Allen

Sub-Committee Updates

Prevention and Community Education – Katie Reasner & Amy Doerrfeld, Co-Chairs

- No information at this time, but committee is meeting next.
- Katie Reasner is working on an abstract for the Governor's Conference with Erin Foster, Pramod Dwivedi and Andy Oleson speaking too.

Healthcare, Treatment & Harm Reduction – Sarah Ziegenhorn, Chair

- Sarah Ziegenhorn was unable to attend - Barb Gay updated the group on their meeting in July.
- It was decided to focus on creating a post overdose response in Cedar Rapids. They reviewed a model from Boston and Florida. One is a peer recovery response and the other is interventionist.
- Surveying the committee at this time to see if this should stay in Linn county, what the response would look like here, the data, what kind of funding is needed, what opportunity from organizations would be involved be it financial or in-kind for support.
- The group is not planning to meet in August, but pulling together all the information from the survey monkey that was sent to committee. This would be a first draft of what a post overdose response would look like for the community.

Law Enforcement & First Responders – Jackie Gillen & Andy Olesen, Co-Chairs

- Jackie Gillen said they are scheduling dates/times with outlining EMS, Fire and police departments for training. Starting in October through January – offering CEUs. Three components: law enforcement, EMS PDs and treatment center options.

Data Collection – Amy Hockett & Chief McHale, Co-Chairs

- Joe McHale stated the committee met yesterday and made some modifications and corrections.
- Would like to tie their efforts to a specific strategy to ensure the work they are doing is supporting a mission verses just gleaning more and more data. What needs to be done can be done.
- Amy Hockett identified there was some discrepancy in data and discovered the numbers being reported was total overdoses and not just opioids. She will be able to break out the overdoses. Lori Weih wanted to make sure going forward the codes are correct when looking at the data. Amy's data is more accurate then what the state is providing.
- Andy Oleson will forward Amy's email to the entire group. In 2017 there were 18 deaths and 2016 there were 16 deaths. Data can be broken down by age demographics, zip codes, and etc.
- It was asked what specific data would be useful for other committees. After some discussion it was decided data ER visits/prior visits and if there was prior contact; such as in a treatment center, incarcerated, multiple overdoses and etc.
- Law Enforcement says it is possible to have some questions asked for unintended deaths, after some discussion it may best be in the ME's investigation. Amy Hockett will contact Alisha Webber at the ME's

office about breaking out overdoses on board and asking those investigative questions. Provide the 3-4 questions to the ME's office.

Legislative/Other Elected Officials – Kevin Techau, Chair

- Putting together the information. Goal is to put together a policy brief in October, November or December. The brief would include: definition of the issues, data, trends and predictions of where heading. Aspects of the current resources that are being used, how effect, what type of program. Next is the “ask” what’s needed in resources in programs. Comparison with other programs is important.
- Need to agree on the end goal, execute and be ready to go before the New Year starts.
- The next approach would be to have a Chair group meeting to decide how to move forward and get a brief general description/activities of what the Opioid Steering Committee.
- LCPH is hosting an Elected Official meeting to include Board of Health, Board of Supervisors and Linn County Elected Officials. This meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 12th.

Open Discussion

None at this time.

Wrap-Up & Next Meeting Planned

- Next meeting – October 3, 2018 from 2:00-3:30 PM at Linn County Public Health.