

Onondaga County Drug Task Force Meeting
Thursday, July 18th, 2019
Peck Hall
601 E Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13244

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introductions:	Introductions made.	
Minutes Approval:	Meeting minutes sent out for review. Co-chair Barry Weiss with present with attending members. Sign in sheet is attached. Two changes suggested and made. Minutes approved with suggested changes.	
Alan Marzullo of the IBEW	<p>Alan Marzullo presented on an opioid education and prevention program he developed for the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) The apprenticeship program is an intense program, he had a 2nd year apprentice who had experienced chemical dependency issues who overdosed. After this occurred, Alan felt very motivated to address this and to support membership moving forward.</p> <p>The IBEW partnered with Crouse to develop an opioid program, and Crouse worked to pull other partners into this effort, including ACR Health with Narcan training.</p> <p>This resulted in a 1.5 hour training presentation, it was presented to 150 people.</p> <p>There was an extremely positive reaction to this presentation, and they are working to put this out to the general body members and their families.</p> <p>They are planning on offering this 3x per year.</p> <p>If you are interested in developing something like this please reach out to Crouse/IBEW.</p>	
Trends	<p>In our last meeting we discussed doing a quick check-in around county drug trends. The District Attorney's office had several undergraduate interns who worked with Mariah Senecal-Reilly to develop a template. (See attached)</p> <p>The template involves monthly reporting from treatment facilities, hospitals, law enforcement, and community agencies. It was suggested that we add Poison Control, County Probation, and OBGYN.</p> <p>Neil Tierson stated that he can provide information on prescription data surrounding opioids. Neil's information is as follows: NeilTierson@KinneyDrugs.com</p>	

There is a recent excise tax on opioids, and now manufacturers do not want to ship to NYS anymore. There will be a shortage of opioids in NYS. Only 1-2 are shipping to NY now. This may push people to use street drugs.

The excise tax is based on the drug strength. It will take 6 months for the rules and regulations to develop, and to see the full effect. The 6 months start time will be in place in New York as of July 1st.

In the situation, price impacts affect the pharmacies the most, as they end up eating the cost.

Neil will update the Task Force regularly on the status of this. Suboxone is not included.

Pharmacies can choose what to carry or not carry. Mail order pharmacies can get around this if they are shipping from out of state. The solution to this will lie in the rules and regulations as they are developed. They are at the mercy of the manufacturers.

No other states do this, they are not sure how this will affect the VA. Can a person go to another state and seek prescription? Yes.

There was an executive order from the County Executive to formally recognize the Onondaga County Drug Task Force. As part of this, there was the provision of a full-time coordinator for the DTF. What are people looking for in this position? Please email Mariah Senecal-Reilly with any suggestions on skills and qualities.

**Drug Task Force
Program
Coordinator**

Open Forum

Where do we stand on MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) as a County?

We are developing protocols for our correctional settings and expanding services

Next Meeting:

Onondaga County is ahead of the country in number of prescribers and acceptance of MAT, however there is still more work to be done.

Our next meeting will be:

September 19th, 2019, 8:30am-10:00am

