

**Onondaga County Drug Task Force Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 8:30-10:00am**  
**Peck Hall, 601 E Genesee St Syracuse, NY 13244**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Introductions:</b>		
<b>Minutes Approval:</b>	Meeting minutes sent out for review.	
<b>Colleen Flanigan presenting on Hepatitis C epidemic.</b>	Colleen Flanigan from NYS DOH presented on the Hepatitis C epidemic and it's relation to the opioid epidemic. Slides attached.	Colleen will send information on Naloxone to Mariah to send to the Task Force. Slides will be distributed as well.
<b>Subcommittee Updates: (Includes Buprenorphine Training Update)</b>	<p><b>Medical Provider Subcommittee:</b> Buprenorphine Training held in April. 33 attendees. Went very well and will most likely hold another training next year.</p> <p>The educational series being held by the Medical Society around Addiction is ongoing. The next one will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm with Dr. Max Berube of St. Joseph's hospital speaking.</p> <p>There has been significant interest in developing standard policies and procedures for practices/organizations that may be less comfortable with taking on patients experiencing addiction.</p> <p><b>Harm Reduction:</b> Interest in planning a series of events for Overdose awareness month. The Mayor of Syracuse is on board. These may include presentations on safe consumption sites as well as promoting the N-CAP, and naloxone.</p> <p>Factors aside from availability of Naloxone may be a barrier to access.</p> <p>It was brought up that individuals have been denied life insurance if they have received naloxone from a pharmacy.</p> <p><b>Bridge Providers:</b> Developed a resource guide for medical providers on what treatment resources exist in the community. This is a living document and will be updated to keep current. This was distributed at the Buprenorphine Training. The committee will contact providers to distribute it as well.</p> <p>Planning on touching base with Primary Care/OB/GYN offices to try and educate and inform them about prescribing practices and resources that are available within the community.</p>	

Flow chart on what to do when you have a patient in your office that needs help is being developed.

**Family Support:**

Vigil planned in August for Overdose Awareness Month

HEAL Onondaga County developed a sibling support group.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Providers:**

Dialogue around workforce issues.

Talking about incentivizing while in programs that produce needed workforce members. How do we act as broker? Would it be worth having a summit around this?

What is the point of view from Crouse? Sign-on bonuses for certain classifications. There is legislation being developed for tuition reimbursement for OASAS providers.

Upstate is expanding training for every medical student, PA etc to include education on addiction

Many Social Workers move to Private Practice because it's more money and less stress. There is a need to create a career ladder for them to stay in larger institutions.

2 Things are needed: Enhanced workforce and enhanced educational opportunities.  
Team approach needed. Networking to provide opportunities for workforce.

Workforce has expanded but the capacity to retain is worse.

Educational Institutions and Division of MH will pull together for a meeting

Will have an update by the next meeting.

**Prevention Education:** In the process of reexamining subcommittee goals, will stay the course.

SNADD (Sharps Needles and Drug Disposal Has been very successful. Total poundage for Jan-April is 900 pounds. Additional disposal boxes in the works.

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Mat Roosa will organize this meeting around workforce development .

**Open Forum**

We welcomed Pamela Everingham from the Onondaga Nation, she is looking forward to working with the group and connecting to community resources.

**Next Meeting:**

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Peck Hall

