

Opioid Coordination Council

Date: 9/11/2017

Location and Time: 1-4:30 p.m. Waterbury State Office Complex

Present: A. Gobeille, T. Anderson, J. Leddy (Co-Chairs). L. Augustyniak, J. Bowen, B. Bick, S. Byers, G. Cowles, S. DiSanto, T.J. Donovan, B. Grearson, M. Levine, MD, P. Mallary, D. Ricker, S. Thompson, J. LaClair, R. Gowdey See agenda for list of presenters.

Absent: D. Allaire, M. Bucossi, J. DeLena, L. Genge, R. Marcoux, K. Sigsbury

Signed-In: Terri Edgerton, Erin Oalican, Judy Rex, Karen Shea, Devon Green, Paul Dragon, Yashira Pepin, Jane Helmstetter, Sam Francis-Fath, Tori Houston, Beth Tanzman

Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker: Notes: R.Gowdey xxx

Meeting Objectives: Monthly meeting		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
<u>Welcome:</u> Chairs Gobeille, Anderson & Leddy <u>Minutes:</u> Review/approval of August minutes	Minutes accepted. (moved J. Leddy, seconded S. Byers)	
Monthly Recap: Director LaClair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on recent and upcoming activities • Note absence of resources for families of those with SUD • Non-pharmacological (integrative) health care roundtable will be on 9/15. 	Members invited to Roundtable.
Presentations: DCF & DMH: Policies, Programs, Structures and Funding – What Works, Hot Spots, Gaps and Strategies	<u>Moderator:</u> Martha Maksym, Deputy Secretary AHS	
<u>Department for Children and Families:</u>	<u>Ken Schatz, Commissioner</u> SUDs' impact on children/stress & trauma (ACEs)	

	<p>SUDs’ impact on programs as well – increase in children in DCF custody; judicial system. Age of children coming into system is dropping. Caseloads in Family Services up. Caseloads in Economic Services going down – economy (but low-pay jobs).</p> <p><u>Best practices:</u> FSD: Children & Recovering Mothers (ChARM program); Case managers through Regional Partnership Program. ESD: temporary absence for treatment; Home visit program; Jobs for Independence. CDD: Strengthening Families Framework. OEO: Family Supportive Housing. OCS: Move beyond child support enforcement to job skills.</p> <p><u>Recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Home Visiting Program • Add visitation resources • Regional Partnership Program expansion of embedded case managers • Family-centered approach to treatment – link between Hub and Parent-Child Centers • Stable housing 	
<p><u>Department of Mental Health:</u> Policies, Programs, Structures and Funding – What Works, Hot Spots, Gaps and Strategies</p>	<p><u>Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate 40% 40 – 90% of those with SUD have co-occurring MH challenges. People with chronic mental illness more prone to SUD • Mental health issues in emergency departments up • # co-occurring beds decreasing due to lack of staff • Caseloads increasing 	
<p><u>Discussion</u></p>	<p>Members discussed, asked questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need unified/coordinated training of MH and ED staff in SUD • What does success look like? (Permanency for children) 	
<p>OCC Committee and Working Group Presentations</p>	<p>Recommendations from each group across all drivers. More detailed perspectives based on committee work. What resonates? What’s missing?</p>	

<u>Working Group 1: Affordability and Professional Development</u>	<u>Ginger Cloud, Central VT Medical Center; and Peter Espenshade, VAMHAR</u> Growing, attracting, retaining SUD workforce – Loan repayment/forgiveness; Recovery and prevention coaches; supervision and professional development.	
<u>Working Group 2: Licensure and Higher Education</u>	<u>Annamarie Cioffari, S. New Hampshire University; and Gabe Gilbert, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State</u> Focus for this period has been on improvements to License for Alcohol and Drug Counselors – protect public, streamline, simplify. Next is alignment – higher education; payers (insurance).	
<u>Discussion</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If funds needed to support recovery, need to address it • Peers, people with lived experience, coaches, clinicians – clarifying and aligning needed 	
<u>Prevention and Enforcement Committee:</u>	<u>Roger Marcoux, Sheriffs’ Assoc.; and Stephanie Thompson, League of Cities & Towns</u> Enforcement – high priorities are roadside drug test, local drug investigations resources. Prevention – high priorities are prescription monitoring, statewide messaging	
<u>Treatment and Recovery Committee</u>	<u>Bob Bick, Howard Center; and Peter Mallery, VAMHAR</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery housing, employment in recovery and transportation rise high • MAT not the only form of treatment • Need to expand role of recovery coaches • Statewide standards for spoke services • Create portals that coordinate systems of treatment & recovery 	
<u>Discussion</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss funding 	
Public Comment	No comments	
Follow-up/Action	Recommendations/Strategies work session, beginning with values; moving onto goals and strategies	9/21/2017 at VT. Dept of Health
Next OCC Regular Meeting:	November 6, 2017 (work session(s) between now and then)	