HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2016
Onalaska City Hall, Basement Conference Room, 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Gustafson, Emily Whitney, Steve Helgeson, Joe Chilsen, Vicki Burke, Al Bliss, Jason Larson, Cheryl Hancock, Tim Candahl, Jennifer Kleven, Gregg Cleveland, Pat Ruda, Troy Harcey, Tom Johnson, and Chris Eberlein

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Kruse, Ted Thompson, Megan DeVore, Emily Lodoen, Shawn Kudron, Joella Strieber, Regina Siegel, Tom Tornstrom, Laura Runchey, and Dean Whiteway

OTHERS PRESENT: Kimberly Gutierrez, Meagen Pichler, Rita Von Haden, David ? (MEG Unit), Cheri Olson, Chandra Cox, Drew Gavrilos, Mary Marchel, Kelly Stokke, Mary Dahlby, Todd Bjerke, Jennifer Brandes, Erin Malak, Paulette Coleman, and Ge Vang,

CALL TO ORDER
Joe Chilsen, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:07pm

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Approved April meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Guest Presenters: Aligning Pain Management in Our Communities, Cheri Olson, MD., and Jill Gustafson, RN., Family Medicine, Mayo Health Systems:

The Aligning Pain Management project is developed by Mayo Clinic Health System. This quality improvement initiative is led by MCHS physicians Cheri Olson MD, Rod Erickson MD, David Onsrud MD, and partners Interstate Postgraduate Medical Association, La Crosse County Health Department staff Al Bliss, and participating local health department staff from Monroe, Crawford, Houston and Allamakee Counties.

Aligning Pain Care in our Communities is an initiative that strives to connect community based efforts and clinical services while offering resources, education, and performance improvement to the clinicians treating chronic pain patients. The overall goals are to realize a reduction in misuse of opioids in managing chronic pain, achieve consistency across physicians in safe/opioid/narcotic prescribing, and improve identification of depression in patients with chronic pain though standardization of care across MHCS region. The project duration is 18 months and providers will register and utilize the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to improve safe opioid prescribing and overall patient function.

Mayo Medication Disposal Program with Deterra: Jill Gustafson, RN also explained more about Mayo’s efforts using a medication drug disposal product called Deterra. Deterra can be used by placing medications (liquids, patches, or pills) into a pouch like bag that had activated charcoal to deactivate the drug and make safe for disposal. The pouches are available free to Mayo clients at all of their sites.

Action: Promote Deterra with our medication drop boxes

Pain Contracts: Pat Ruda inquired about pain contracts and what happens if someone violates it. Chris Eberlein added that he would like to see the PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program) allow...
sharing of pain contracts to improve service and less likelihood of diversion/misuse. The current practice right now is that if a client breaks the pain contract, they do not get their prescribed opioid pain medication. Pat asked that we take into consideration not ending someone's pain medication so that treatment can continue for those with addiction to opioids and or other drugs.

**Action:** Get sample pain contracts to review. Look into sharing of pain contracts among providers

**Needle Exchange Programs:** Greg Cleveland asked about penalties and accountability for pain contract violations and questions relating to the needle exchange program. He also asked about the measurable outcomes that the task force used and how successes/needs for improvement are communicated to others in the general community. Al had put together a brochure about needle exchange programs and will have a flyer available for first responders such as firefighters to handout when people inquire about the needle exchange program and have called the fire department about finding used needles in public locations.

**Action:** Review task force measurable outcomes and reporting to general public and professions. Develop NEP brochure for first responders to provide and to promote to the public

**Diversion Programs:** Town of Campbell Chief of Police Drew Gavrilos talked about the Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) process that the La Crosse County Criminal Justice Management Council is reviewing and how he and Holmen Chief of Police Shane Collins will take part of doing basic assessments for low level criminals and how they can proceed to getting treatment and resources. This would be another method for referral to diversion programs rather than incarceration by itself. Todd Bjerke acknowledged that drug court programs show research based evidence of effectiveness and there are how the courts are involved.

**Action:** None, but Jane Klekamp and Tara Johnson will be presenting at the June 23 task force on Evidence Based Decision Making

**Strategic Planning:** The task force will review and revise the strategic plan and will look at the “harm reduction” strategy logic model at the June 23 meeting. Outcome measures will also be reviewed and how they are communicated to professionals and the general public.

**Action:** Please review the Harm Reduction logic model for the June 23 meeting and be prepared to discuss

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016 from 1-2:30pm at the Onalaska City Hall, Basement Conference Room. Please join us for planning continued strategies and new strategies for prevention!

**TRAVEL REQUESTS (INFORMATIONAL) AND TRAVEL REPORTS**

None presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

The above minutes have been approved. (Three pages)

Al Bliss, Recorder