HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2016
Onalaska City Hall, Basement Conference Room, 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Gustafson, Chris Eberlein, Emily Whitney, Steve Helgeson, Gregg Cleveland, Joe Chilsen, Al Bliss, Monica Kruse, Cheryl Hancock, Tim Candahl, Ted Thompson, and Laura Runchey

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Tom Johnson, Troy Harcey, Jennifer Kleven, Jason Larson, Vicki Burke, Pat Ruda, Megan DeVore, Regina Siegel, Emily Lodoen, Shawn Kudron, Joella Strieber, Tom Tomstrom, and Dean Whiteway

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Sumner, Rebecca Kreger, Jean Colburn, Bob Ritger, Danielle Swedberg, Danielle Allar, Kimberly Gutierrez, Meagan Pichler, Rita Von Haden, Paulette Coleman, Anneliese Skoda, John Medinger, Joe Larson, Drew Kelly and Anne Jungen

CALL TO ORDER
Joe Chilsen, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Approved June meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Narcan availability through Gundersen / Don’t Run Call 9-1-1 campaign: Chris Eberlein, MD

- Chris explained about their campaign to promote narcan and prevent overdoses beginning about one week ago. There was a feature article in the La Crosse Tribune.
- Narcan is available through Gundersen’s pharmacies for $80 or less than half the cost of what Walgreen’s is selling it for. No Walgreens in our region has it available, but plans to be occurring soon. Although it is sold without a prescription by over-the-counter, it is still maintained behind the pharmacy and one can ask for it (similar to the decongestant Pseudoephedrine). Currently, Gundersen has had no requests for Narcan through their pharmacies.
- Chris explained that Narcan is not only for consideration for those addicted to heroin or opioids, but for anyone who may be prescribed opioids including children. Insurance may cover the cost. Also, the pharmacist does write up the Narcan prescription, but it does not get reported on the PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program).
- Jean Colburn, RN for Gundersen brought up the idea of providing it to chronic pain patients

Needle Exchange Program (NEP) education and awareness efforts: Kimberly Gutierrez and Meagan Pichler

- Kimberly and Meagan provided updated flyers on Narcan and what to do if a needle is found. The plan is to provide the fire department with the community brochure and then downtown businesses and near areas where needles have been reported/found.
- If needles are found people are to call the La Crosse non-emergency dispatch line at 608 785-5962 or AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin La Crosse office at 608 785-9866. We are
checking with the other communities such as Holmen, West Salem, Bangor and Onalaska if their non-emergency dispatch phone numbers can be listed and if they will respond.

- Efforts are also being explored on the volunteer needle pickup. Duluth has a model program. Liability and what organization that will lead this effort are important considerations.
- Thanks to Bob Ritger and Western Healthcare for the purchase of 1,000 sharps containers to provide ARCW with to give to their NEP clients! Bob is also exploring potential to have two large scale sharps drop boxes located in areas where needles are primarily found. The drop boxes are waterproof and lockable and similar in size as the Rx drop boxes.

Continue Review of Strategic Plan – Complete Harm Reduction Logic Model (Discuss Increase Access to Early Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery for August?)

Harm reductions strategies will continue to include:
- Educate the public and professionals about needle exchange programs / improve needle pick up in our community
- Educate public and high risk groups about Rx misuse and overdose – promote Narcan / reduce stigma of those with substance use disorders/mental health
- Educating community about proper medical sharps disposal
- Consider legislative support such as HOPE
- Promote Good Samaritan law and act on suspect overdose

Updates from Task Force and Others (Next DOJ Take Back Day Oct 22, Mayo Pfizer Aligning Pain Management)

- Next Take Back Day is Oct 22 – there will not be a specific collection day but rather promotion to use the drop boxes
- Mayo now has over 150 prescribers registered with the PDMP compared to only 15 last year prior to the Pfizer grant implementation.

Detox discussion – potential for speaker at August 25 meeting

- Task force agreed to discuss social detox and invite presenter for the August 25 meeting if possible
- Logic model on “Increasing Access to Early Intervention, Treatment and Recovery” will be discussed on August 25.

Calendar/Important Updates and Adjourn

- Next Dept. of Justice Take Back Day is Oct 22 (We are not hosting a specific day but rather a push to use the drop boxes)
- Bob Ritger and Al Bliss discussed early planning stages for a community drug forum and one for leaders (similar to Feb 29 events). Let Bob and Al know if you are interested in helping to plan. May look at Stoney Creek Inn to accommodate more people and parking.
- Tim Candahl is looking into toxicology reporting to more accurately capture drug deaths
- Jill Gustafson, RN from Mayo and Dr. Eberlien answered some questions about Vivitrol – MA covers and so will some private insurance with co pay
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 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. (3 pages)

Al Bliss, Recorder