HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2017 (Onalaska City Hall, 1:00pm)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jen Rombalski, Al Bliss, Todd Bjerke, Vicki Burke, Troy Harcey, Regina Siegel, Ted Thompson, and Chris Eberlein

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Joe Chilsen, Steve Helgeson, Monica Kruse, Laura Runchey, Shawn Kudron, Dean Whiteway, Tom Tornstrom, Emily Whitney, Tom Johnson, Scott Mihalovic, Don Dominick, Tim Candahl, Jennifer Kleven, Jill Gustafson, and Chery Hancock

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Zeleznik, Bob Ritger, Anneliese Skoda, Agnes Smith, Kimberly Gutierrez, Sandy Brekke, Jennifer Knutson, Dean Peterson, Renee Hollenback, Kaylan Wilson, Dan Morgan, Judi Zabel, Christie Harris, Ge Vang, Skyla Killilea, Tara Weidner, Sara Rasmussen-Kest?, Tammy Anderson, Mandy Hess, Rachel Unseth, Kim Thurk, Arlene Vrlec, Bill Haviland, Robyn Roberts, Joe Larson, and Lindsey Purl

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Eberlein, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:08pm

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
The above meeting minutes have been approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UPDATES:

Jen Rombalski spoke about the three levels of prevention; primary, secondary and tertiary to help prime the task force for prevention strategizing in August/Sept meetings.

Jen also provided a handout on primary prevention literature review and on HOPE opioid legislation bills that identified if bills were related to prevention. Al will email both handouts to the task force.

Our guest speaker, Lindsay Purl, Great Rivers Hub Director provided an update on the “HUB” which is a new systems change launching 8/1/17. The HUB incorporates community care coordination to address both medical and social determinants of health. A pilot phase will target the La Crosse Family Collaborative neighborhoods in the City of La Crosse and high emergency room utilizers throughout La Crosse County. Lindsay asked the task force to describe various entry points to reach these populations. Some of the entry point suggestions included: In/outpatient, pregnant women, homeless, incarcerated persons, ambulance/211 services, schools, and youth ages 10-16 with substance use disorders.

Governor’s Opioid Task Force: Jen reported highlights including a report by DOJ on trafficking, an update by Marshfield Clinic on “Treatment Recovery Corp” which pairs up peer supports, and Greenfield Police Department on the CAARE Project diversion program for low level offenders

Improperly Disposed Needles workgroup: Bob Ritger reported that both outdoor sharps boxes were ¾ full and continue to be utilized. Pounds collected will be reported again in the near future.

Light House Project: No new updates

Other Updates:
Judi Zabel reported that the La Crosse County Prevention Network (LCPN) Marijuana workgroup meets August 10 from 10-11:30am at the La Crosse Library on Main Street. She is also organizing “Mobil” Wake Up Call events and if interested please contact her at izabel@lacrossecounty.org or call 608 785-9872.

Troy Harcey announced that the Rebuilding for Learning event is August 31. Al will send the link out to the task force on how to register.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 24 from 1-2:30pm** at Onalaska City Hall.

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

None presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30pm. The above minutes have been approved. (2 pages)

Al Bliss, Recorder