

Linn County Opioid Steering Committee

June 11, 2019

Jean Oxley Public Service Center, 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, 52404

Attendance: Amy Doerrfeld, Sunshine McDonald, Chloe Steffensmeier, Samuel Schauer, Amir Saba, Todd Lange, Dan Chatham, Lindsay Powers, Jacquie Fitzgerald, Cathy Allen, Rod Courtney, Melissa Walker, Sarah Ziegenhorn, Lori Taylor, Chuck Isenhart, Art Staed, Erin Foster, Andy Olesen, & Pramod

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1. **Welcome/ Introductions/Updates-** Pramod welcomed the committee and introductions by committee members were held.
2. **Opioid Town Hall meeting & EMS Conference Update-** Lindsay Powers updated committee on the Opioid Town hall that was held in April. The resource fair was successful with community members learning about resources in the community. ASAC distributed 6 boxes of Naloxone to community members in need. Presentations were done by Lindsay covering the Heroin Initiatives work, Erin Foster & Andy Olesen discussed the Steering Committee's work and the meeting was concluded with Rod Courtney discussing his son's passing and drive that led him to oversee work CRUSH does in the community.

Lindsay also discussed with the committee that the Heroin Initiative will be holding a conference in September for first responders. This conference will cover substance abuse and mental health related topics for first responders in the region. For more information, contact Lindsay.
3. **Legislative Session Conclusion-** A legislative update was given by Chuck Isenhart. He discussed the advocacy efforts that were completed during the session and how the impact of elected officials needing information was vital for moving efforts forward. One issue that had been brought to the state level that did not pass again was a state Syringe Exchange Program.

4. Sub-Committee Updates & Recommendation Discussion

- a. **Healthcare/Treatment/Harm Reduction Sub-Committee:** Sarah Ziegenhorn discussed the post ER recommendations brought by this sub-committee. This program looks at changes within ER departments that allow resources to be brought for a patient before leaving the ER. The option for a grant proposal is on the table for the upcoming fall to begin implementing these programs in our community.
- b. **Data Sub-Committee:** Amy Hockett explained her use of a program called Tableau that has allowed her to input data in order to share data. Her dashboard can be located here: https://public.tableau.com/views/Opioid-RelatedDeathsLinnCountyIA/Story1?:embed=y&:display_count=yes&publish=yes&:origin=viz_share_link
- c. **Prevention/Outreach Sub-Committee:** Amy Doerrfeld reported that the Prevention/Outreach committee worked to provide resources to the resource fair at the town hall meeting. They are also in discussions with Corrections to provide services to those leaving the correctional facilities including information on treatment resources and access to Naloxone.
- d. **Advocacy Sub-Committee:** No sub-committee report was given.
- e. **First Responders Sub-Committee:** No sub-committee report was given.

Note: Recommendations were provided to committee from each sub-committee. These recommendations will be provided to Board of Health at August meeting.

- 5. **General Announcements & Wrap Up-All:** Steering Committee has decide to end quarterly meetings and not meet again until December. Erin will send out quarterly updates as needed. Erin will send out Board of Health document once completed.