

Board of Health Meeting – May 2nd, 2018
Division of Substance Abuse and Prevention
Health and Human Service Department of Lowell

*Substance Abuse Coordinator
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Initiatives:

- Continued contact with Chair of Mayor's Opioid Epidemic Crisis Task Force to discuss ideas for the upcoming meeting agendas, recruit presenters, and inviting new partners to the table.
- 4/2, 5/2 Hosted Data Subcommittee meetings through the Mayor's Opioid Task Force
- Researching factors surrounding spike in overdoses the weekend of Valentine's Day (over 20 overdoses within a three days) with the UML researchers and coordinators of the PDMP grant.
- Began discussions of formal partnership between Lowell General Hospital and the Clinical Recovery Specialists from the Lowell CO-OP as a means to support clients and decrease duplication of services.

Meetings and Events:

- 4/3 Greater Lowell Health Alliance (GLHA) Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force
- 4/6, 4/20 Community Advocacy Board Subcommittee Meeting for Syringe Exchange Program
- 4/20 Meeting with PFS Coordinator and John Dunn, Outreach Specialist from Lowell House
- 4/25 PFS Monthly Meeting
- 4/30 Mayor's Opioid Task Force

Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) and Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Grants:

- Updated Clinical Recovery Specialist Intake form and created formal client trackings
- 4/4 SPI Conference Call
- 4/18 PDMP Meeting

Attended the following educational trainings:

- 4/5 Lowell Community Health Center - Sexually Transmitted Infections
- 4/12 Lowell Community Health Center - HIV/AIDS
- 4/19 Lowell Community Health Center - Domestic Violence
- 5/1-5/4 MasTAP – Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training

Lowell CO-OP/Clinical Recovery Specialists (CRS)/CO-OP Supervisor:

- CO-OP and CRS continued to build relationships throughout the month with local substance abuse treatment providers
- 4/2, 4/18 CO-OP Meetings
- 4/3 CO-OP Supervisor position approved by City Council – interviews projected to begin shortly after posting the position
- 4/24 CO-OP Supervisors Meeting

Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC)
Michael Hall, M.Ed.

Initiatives:

- Life Skills Training – Completed the Train the Trainer Life Skills Prevention Curriculum certification process in White Plains, New York. This will provide a local trainer at a greatly reduced cost for future training and implementation in Lowell and surrounding towns. ***April 4-6***
- Supported, facilitated, and coordinated a High School level Life Skills Training training for cluster community educators, student resource officers and youth mental health workers ***April 13th***
- Began working with Veteran’s Support services in implementing Veteran’s drop in services in cluster towns (recently adding Tewksbury) ***Ongoing***

Meetings/Trainings Attended:

- Greater Lowell Health Alliance Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force meeting (Chair) (4/3, 5/1)
- Wilmington Coalition Meeting for Substance Abuse 4/11
- Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative / Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative cluster meeting (4/24)
- Phone meeting with BSAS (Bureau of Substance Addiction Services) grant coordinator (weekly)
- Attended administrative meetings for *Drug Free Greater Lowell* website (ongoing)
- Continuing to work with UMass Lowell Public Health intern working with the MOAPC grant. (Start date 1/22, ongoing)
- Northeast Peer Recovery Learning community meetings to coordinate services in Lowell (ongoing)
- Mental Health Task Force meeting (4/11)
- “Teen Health Summit” on teen mental health, drug use, and supports (4/27)
- Mayor’s Opioid Task Force Meeting (4/30)

Partnerships for Success (PFS)
Daniel Witts

Initiatives:

- City of Lowell Family Resource Fair: On April 11th, I attended the Resource Fair with members of the Lowell Health Department to educate the community on the dangers associated with prescription drug misuse. We also provided the community with substance abuse education materials and resources.
- Community Teamwork Inc., (CTI) – Youth Build: On April 12th, I began what will be a monthly event at Youth Build where PFS members and community partners will provide presentations and education to teens on a variety of substance abuse topics.
- Middlesex Community College (MCC): On April 25th, Members of the PFS team presented material on healthy and unhealthy coping mechanism as well as what substance abuse in college looks like to a class of freshman students.
- MIAA Teen Mental Health Summit: On April 27th, PFS took 10 students to the 4th Annual Teen Mental Health Summit in Westborough, Ma. Students were able to attend workshops related to the importance of mental health.
- Christ Jubilee: On April 29th, I had the opportunity to provide the congregation of the Christ Jubilee with a presentation on substance abuse within the city. Included in this presentation were facts, signs, and resources.

Outreach (with the intent of partnering moving forward):

- Lowell National Historical Park: In order to build capacity with agencies that engage with youth during the summer, a meeting took place on April 23rd to discuss potential collaboration moving forward.

Meetings/Trainings Attended:

- GLHA Substance Abuse and Prevention Task Force- April 3rd, May 1st
- Christ Jubilee Planning Meeting- April 4th
- GLHA Mental Health Work Group- April 5th
- District Attorney Opiate Task Force- April 13th
- Meeting with John Dunn (Lowell House)- April 20th
- Violence Prevention Coalition- April 24th
- MOAPC Monthly Coalition Meeting- April 24th
- PFS Monthly Coalition Meeting- April 25th
- Mayor's Opiate Task Force- April 30th