



SCCUDD Minutes

Mission: To prevent, reduce, and delay the onset of substance use among Schuyler County youth by:

- Collaborating with our community partners
- Promoting prevention education and substance-free activities
- Implementing environmental strategies

Vision: A connected community where our youth have education, resources, and drug-free options to help their journey to become happy, healthy adults.



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Coalition Meeting Minutes	Date: March 20, 2018	Time: 3pm-4:30pm	Location: Shared Services
	Next Meeting: May 15, 2018		
	Attendees		
Emily Peckham, Gretchen Silliman, Adam Lawton, Sarah Robbins, Elizabeth Watson, Aidan Thurston, Gabriel Grover, Amber Updike		Jim O'Brien, Marcia Kasprzyk, Sam Smith, Mike Ballard, Karen Thurston, Chris Rosno, Sheriff William Yessman, Sgt. Matt Maloney; Total = 16	
Materials Disseminated (attach to minutes)			
None			
Agenda Item			
Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions to the Agenda 	Discussion Emily introduced herself as the new Project Coordinator.		
	Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time 		
Sheriff William Yessman and Sgt. Matt Maloney presentation	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sheriff's office has been involved in Narcotics investigations since the early 1990's and has grown in breadth and scope • Marijuana growing arrests and eradication efforts were steady for several decades, with a reduction in public reports/growing operation arrests in the past 5 years • Undercover/Informant drug buys have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steady for marijuana and cocaine ○ decreased for Prescription Medication more recently after an upswing 2000-2015, in part due to new laws and availability to drop boxes/take-back programs. ○ Increased for Heroin after a several-year dormant period. There has been an increase in opioid overdoses as well since 2014, resulting in deputies carrying NARCAN beginning in 2015. ○ Dramatically increased for Methamphetamine, starting in 2003. Meth labs are routinely being identified. Sheriff's Office have noted that dealers start small, grow a business "base" and then there is an outside agency involvement leading to arrest/incarceration; this leads to 'down time' in activity, but once dealer is released the process repeats itself. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informants are difficult to manage because they are usually doing it to avoid jail time and get back to drug use/production, and they are not reliable d/t their addiction. • Investigations are difficult due to nature of Meth lab, requires HAZMAT equipment/personnel and dealers are constantly adapting to laws aimed at reducing access to materials. • Tip Line calls started out strong, but have been minimal. Sheriff's office noted that the information left is often missing vital pieces of information. Group suggested we should work with Sheriff to expand options for callers and re-publicize program. • It was noted that there is often a gap in immediate treatment for addicts, resulting in lost opportunities for them to get help. All agreed there is a lack of beds in the area, insurances can be prohibitive, and there is a lack of a system to "catch" the addict immediately upon d/c from hospital or upon arrest. Several mentioned several new treatment programs that are becoming available, discussion followed. <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily will work with Sheriff's Office to address concerns related to the Tip Line and publicize in local media outlets • Coalition will work to publicize Tip Line through their respective organizations • Emily will try to bring speaker with knowledge of treatment-related insurance issues or Peer Advocate program to future Coalition meeting • If anyone is aware of new in-or outpatient drug treatment programs, please share with Emily and she will inform Coalition and Partners.
<p>Tobacco Sub-Committee Report & Sub-Committee discussion</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Robbins and Elizabeth Watson presented PowerPoint on Tobacco-21 (T-21), which would increase the legal purchase age of tobacco and tobacco products to 21y.o. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tobacco use among youth remains high in Schuyler County ○ T-21 aims to delay the onset of smoking, since 95% life-long smokers start before the age of 21. ○ T-21 also reduces access to youth, since 90% of those under 18y.o who smoke, get their tobacco from friends who are aged 18-20. ○ Multiple other NY counties (incl. Tompkins and Cortland), numerous NY municipalities (incl. NYC) and 5 states have all passed T-21 Laws. • Currently gathering support throughout County, and are planning to roll out to the public via social media, websites and local newspapers. A presentation to the Health Board of the Legislature is being planned for July, and it is hoped there will be a strong Youth presence at that meeting. <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information about how you can help or if you have suggestions, please contact Emily. • Links to SurveyMonkey.com and other ways to support efforts will be sent to Coalition. Please share!

School engagement report, Youth Survey data and Brainstorming Session

Discussion

- Emily updated the group about her initial engagement activities with schools:
 - Emily has met with, and has support from administration of all 3 along with a contact person at each school for coordinating meetings and events.
 - Both O-M and Bradford are interested in hosting an interactive assembly with hands-on stations for Middle School students
 - There is interest from both O-M, BCSD students in doing a presentation to the Health Board this summer regarding T-21 and hopes to have representation from all 3 schools
- Emily presented PowerPoint with highlights from most recent Youth Survey (April 2017):
 - Alcohol remains the ‘substance of choice’ in both High School and Middle school, with tobacco and marijuana following. Reported opioid and prescription medication use remains low.
 - There have been improvements in all areas since the 2013 survey, but alcohol and tobacco use is still high when compared to national averages.
 - Words of caution were noted related to specific cohorts in schools eschewing data, as well as issues with small sample size.
 - It was noted that many Youth scored high with risk factors and reported depression/bullying/suicidality is alarming. All agreed that this is a major concern in prevention. Suggestions were made to share data/potentially collaborate with SAFE or other partner with expertise in the mental health and/or childhood trauma.
- Emily asked the group for ideas for a Community event to present data and increase energy around Coalition efforts. The following were offered: *Sheriff Yessman presented in the past and did well, hosting a guided “Neighborhood Conversation” might get vested interest, host several events in smaller communities throughout the county, make use of the Watkins Middle School Performing Arts center, offer an activity/speaker that will get people to show up.*

Action Items

- Emily will reach out to SCCUDD for assistance in planning/participating in future school assembly events
- Emily will contact SAFE and share Youth Survey information and discuss potential collaboration
- Survey Data sub-committee will meet to review data for rollout to public
- Emily will be forming subcommittee to plan a mid-Spring community event
- Please share any additional ideas regarding a Community event with Emily

Adjourn

4:30 p.m.