
Heroin Task Force Quarterly Community Partners Meeting Summary Slide deck

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Tuesday , December 5, 2023
2:30-4:30 p.m.



WELCOME

HTF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Larry Nelson, HTF Co-Chair

Goals for today

HTF Meeting Goals for Today

- Continue to grow HTF Community Partners Network
- Provide a networking opportunity for HTF Community Partners
- Hear from our 2023 HTF Action Teams & participate in discussion about their ongoing work

Agenda

2:30-2:55: Welcome, County Executive Paul Farrow, & Agency Spotlight

2:55-3:15: HTF Partner Networking: Small Group Discussions

3:15-3:25 : HTF Updates & Information on the launch of the Overdose Fatality Review Process

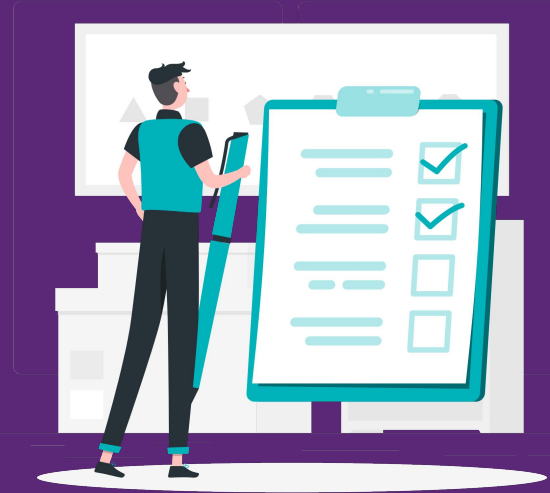
3:25-3:30 : SHORT BREAK

3:30-4:05 : Action Team 2023 Reports & HTF Partner Engagement / Discussion

4:05-4:15: HTF Partner Updates

4:15-4:20: Final Reflection & Official Close of the Meeting

4:20-4:30: We welcome you to stay for the “water cooler” discussion!



Welcome County Executive Paul Farrow

Update on Waukesha County's efforts to battle the opioid crisis



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT



- Kat Becker, Alliance for Wisconsin Youth (AWY) SE Regional Coordinator
- Hannah Lepper, Community Advocates Public Policy Institute

HTF Partner Networking



Instructions:

- Take a moment to individually reflect on the question prompt
- 5 minute breakout rooms
- Introduce yourself, organization, & share the answer to the prompt question

Round 1

What success did you have in 2023 that you would like to share?

Round 2

What are you most looking forward to in 2024?

Round 3

We all have different reasons for working in the field of substance use and the time you are dedicating to this task force.

What is your “why”?

HTF Partner Networking: What is your why?



WAUKESHA COUNTY
HEROIN TASK FORCE
WORKING TOGETHER
to break the cycle of substance use
through community action & hope!

Making a Difference

- Make a difference in the community
- It's never too late to help change a life
- Think we can actually make a difference
- Because every day I get to see broken lives renewed and transformed!
- Recovery for everyone
- Making people's lives better & ultimately saving lives
- For family. For friends. For my community
- Stay connected to important community issues
- Filling other people's cup fills my own cup

Personal Experience

- Family members and friends that have struggled with opioid addiction
- Family members in recovery
- Had a friend pass away from an overdose
- In long term recovery
- Long term recovery, doing what was done for me!
- I have lived experience and want to make a difference and help others.
- As someone who struggled with heroin addiction and whose use took part largely in Waukesha county, it's a passion for me to be able to help provide resources and help to those struggling the way I once was.

Reduce Stigma/Access to Resources

- Being able to help people who's stigma in the community makes them the least likely to get the help that they need.
- Want to break stigma through human connection and education
- I'd hate to hear someone who lost someone to an overdose say "I wish I knew that service was available in our community."

Professional Interest

- Working with clients in my early social work years in CPS opened my eyes to others' struggles and shattered the stereotypes. I want to continue to advocate and help!
- My career in MH/Substance Use treatment, want to be part of the solution

Focus on Youth/Children

- To keep children safe
- Students who had family members with addiction or they had issues.
- To improve outcomes for moms and babies impacted by OUD.
- The youth that I serve. Making a difference in their lives will impact the future.

Welcome Stephanie Engle

Update on Waukesha County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Process



2023 Action Teams



Discussion & Input To Support Our Action Teams

2023 Action Teams

1. Stigma Reduction Action Team

- a. *Reduce stigma and build understanding of substance use disorder & harm reduction strategies*
- b. *Create a shared common message*

2. Support Recovery Action Team

- a. *Provide recovery support for individuals & families*

3. CHIP Substance Use Action Team (CHIP= Community Health Improvement Plan)

- a. *Identify opportunities to improve policies in upstream work to support system level changes*

4. Metrics & Measurements Action Team

- a. *Build data literacy*
- b. *Support action teams with data needs*

We are grateful to our Team Chairs!

- **Stigma Reduction Action Team**

- *Colleen Allen, ProHealth Care*
- *Joy Evans, Elevate*
- *Jacob Jansen, Turning the Page, LLC*

- **Support Recovery Action Team**

- *James Hishmeh, Rogers Memorial*
- *Susie Austin, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)*
- *Amanda DeLeon, Community Medical Services (CMS)*

- **CHIP Substance Use Action Team (CHIP= Community Health Improvement Plan)**

- *Hailey Nenonen, Aurora Advocate Health Care*
- *Sara Carpenter, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)*
- *Brea Lopez, Waukesha County HHS*

- **Metrics & Measurements Action Team**

- *Felicia Behnke-Shaw, Waukesha County HHS*
- *Frances Thomas, Waukesha County HHS*

Support Recovery Action Team

Accomplishments for 2023

- Building a strong foundation on the action team (group agreements, examining potential areas of work)
- Meeting with HTF Partner Kirk Yauchler to discuss Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) / Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) to support transitions during and after incarceration.
- Creation of the Collaborative Support Recovery Resource Document (will put in the chat)

Potential Projects/Plans for 2024

- Areas of focus still being defined
- Continued work on transition support during and after incarceration
- Potentially conducting focus groups with those in recovery to identify needs

What suggestions might you have for this team?

- Peer support piece: Peer recovery support specialists will be an eligible benefit beginning in April 2025; Medicaid.

CHIP Substance Use Action Team

Accomplishments for 2023

- Created end results and identified indicators.
 - People who use or are in recovery for opioid use in Waukesha County have access to life-saving interventions.
 - Waukesha County residents who use opioids have access to stable housing.
- Conducted a root cause analysis and began to identify potential strategies to address the root causes

Potential Projects/Plans for 2024

- Will identify key actions and develop an action plan in by mid January 2024
- Engaging community partners and implementing the action plan in 2024

What suggestions might you have for this team?

- HTF Support Recovery or Stigma Reduction might be able to help pick up one of the strategies (that align with one of our action teams)

Stigma Reduction Action Team

Accomplishments for 2023

- Created Code of Ethics focused on Stigma Reduction for guest speakers presenting to the HTF. Both English and Spanish versions available. (will put in the chat)
- Engaged Law Enforcement leaders in key discussions about person first language and stigma reduction strategies. Law Enforcement also serving on this action team.
- Hosted guest speaker: National Stigma Reduction expert, Rachael Cooper from Shatterproof (now also serving on this team)
- HTF partners participated in a survey to gauge awareness levels on stigma.

Potential Projects/Plans for 2024

- Focus on working with Law Enforcement to continue building awareness and educating on stigma
- Will continue to work with guest speakers for the HTF to ensure person first language
- Continued work with Shatterproof to utilize and roll out tools to Waukesha County

What suggestions might you have for this team?

- Coordination with CHIP Substance Use Action
- Engaging medical field (others including education)

Metrics & Measurements Action Team

Accomplishments for 2023

- Provided data literacy training to the HTF membership.
- Continue to meet with all action teams to assist with data needs and help teams focus their efforts on meaningful initiatives.
- Will be rolling out a survey today to analyze the data literacy level of HTF partners in order to better understand future educational needs.

Potential Projects/Plans for 2024

- Areas of focus still being defined; data literacy survey will help focus
- Continue to support the HTF action teams to access good data sources and identify ways to measure success

What suggestions might you have for this team?

- Take the survey!
https://drake.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_3jHtUyiB8hY7VmC
- Can help develop data driven questions for focus groups

AGENCY OR PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have something to share
with the full group?

Raise your hand and share!



NEXT STEPS

Larry Nelson



- ✓ Summary slide deck and recording will be sent out in the next week or so!
- ✓ Action teams will continue their work. Contact Nicole Breu at nbreu@waukeshacounty.gov if you are interested in getting involved!
- ✓ We will continue to provide periodic email updates with information
- ✓ 2024 HTF Quarterly Community Partner Meetings (all Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30)
 - March 12th
 - June 11th (IN PERSON)
 - October 1st (HOPEFULLY IN PERSON)
 - December 3rd

What is one word (or short phrase) that is front of mind as we end our last HTF meeting of 2023?

Community works

Excited for the accomplishments and the future!

Hopeful

Support

Driven

Data

Thankful

Progress

Proud

Pumped up!!

Optimistic and grateful