WESTERN OKLAHOMA OPIOID PREVENTION CONSORTIUM

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WESTERN OKLAHOMA OPIOID PREVENTION CONSORTIUM MEETING

August 22nd, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome & Introductions –

- Steve Berry, South Western Oklahoma Development Authority
- Jacy Burrows, Hope is Alive
- Brittani Brice, Red Rock Behavioral Health Services
- Michael Shields, Indian Health Services
- Rose Horsechief, Wichita & Affiliated Tribes BEAR Program

General Items

- COSSUP24 Application
  - Applied for a 3-year 1 million grant to fund the continuation of the Mobile MAT unit. No news as of Tuesday the 20th.
  - WOOPC would become the governing body for this grant, and we would have to follow the open meetings act.

- Opioid Settlement Update
  - It is expected that OAB will sign our budget mods and send us the contract any day.
  - This grant is for $350,000 through June 2025.
  - Focus on Naloxone Saturation of the 8-County SWODA (South Western Oklahoma Development Authority) area (Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon, and Jackson Counties). Vending machines (25), OD Emergency Kits (400) (schools, courthouses, public buildings, etc.), staff and public training. Placement of the vending machines and/or OD emergency kits would require partner to sign an MOU, committing to support the work of the project in various ways (no financial obligation from partners).
- Legislation
  - Oklahoma House and Senate are not in session right now.
  - There are interim studies going on right now but there doesn't seem to be room for public input of advocacy. The lawmaker wants to explore a issue and then they invite people to give input on the issue.

Prevention

- *Kendra Gift, SWODA- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services* - Community Based Prevention Service Provider for Beckham, Harmon, Kiowa, Washita, Caddo, Kingfisher, Grant, Blaine, Canadian, Texas, Woodward, Grady, and Jackson counties.
  - International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) – August 31st, 2024
    - Highlighted Activities:
      - Facebook Live: Your Life Matters- Featuring Crystal Marroquin, who will share the impact of overdose on her family.
        - August 29th @ 12:00 PM
      - Ackley Park in Elk City will have a purple ribbon display along with an informational banner placed.
        - The banner explains IOAD and that we lose on average 295 people per day to an overdose.
        - The displays will also have a blank board, with white ribbons and tacks in a weighted box, to allow for someone to place a ribbon in memory of the loved one they lost due to overdose.
      - Leg Lamp in Chickasha will be lit up in Purple for IOAD and the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce will post about it on their Facebook Page
      - Table will be set up at Western Oklahoma State College on August 26th to share information and resources.
      - Cordell City Park and Burns Flat City Park will each have a purple ribbon display along with an informational banner placed.
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      - Recovery event September 5th in Woodward.

  - Upcoming Events:
    - Next Podcast will be in released in September.
    - Red Ribbon Week:
      - October 23rd through October 31st
      - https://www.redribbon.org/
    - OK Challenge Safe Dirving Day
      - October 22nd
      - 600 Junior High & High School Students from around the area will come to Western Technology Center in Burns Flat.

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- Oklahoma Challenge was created in 1984 to address the dangers of teen drunk driving and encourage young drivers to wear their seat belts. Following great success in these areas, Oklahoma Challenge turned its attention to a rising concern—the dire problem of distracted driving, especially among people 15-24 years old. Working in partnership with Oklahoma student groups, Oklahoma Challenge now educates novice drivers about the dangers of engaging in distracting activities—such as texting, talking on the phone, and interacting with passengers—while driving.

- Upcoming Staff/Coalition Members Trainings:
  - Wellness Symposium (September 25th & 26th)
- Upcoming Trainings Provided by SWODA:
  - 2M2L Training in Watonga on September 17th
    - Currently 37 law enforcement officers are enrolled.
  - 2M2L Training in EL Reno on November 12th & 13th
- For Community Members and Law Enforcement

- *Red Rock Behavioral Health- Brittani Brice*
  - Custer Health Action Team
    - New Chair: Systems of Care Director
    - *We meet the 2nd Thursday of the Month*
    - *This coalition is open to anyone.*
  - *Suicide Walks in Cordell, Elk City*
    - *September is Suicide Awareness Month*
      - *Elk City Walk: Rays of Love*
        - *September 21st, 2024 @ 10:30 AM*
      - *Cordell Walk: Love is an Action*
        - *September 28th, 2024 @ 10:00 AM*

Harm Reduction Efforts-

- Steve Berry, SWODA
  - SWODA Narcan Hub
  - Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP) (Harmon, Jackson, Tillman, Kiowa, and Caddo).
    - We have installed some Narcan Vending Machines in these communities, and we are collecting some demographic data on who is getting this Narcan.
    - The new machine is in place at Red Rock in Hobart. SWODA has been purchasing Naloxone through Padagis for this program.
    - Other vending machines are located at:
      - Shortgrass in Hollis
      - Amethyst House in Altus
      - Jackson County Memorial Hospital
      - Operation Cares in Fredrick
      - Shortgrass Altus
    - We received a no cost extension for this current COSSUP grant to continue efforts for another year.
      - Will be able to provide naloxone, lock bags, and Deterra bags.
  - OSDH has provided 1000 Fentanyl Test Strip Kits (1 Fentanyl Test Strip, Vial of water, measure/stir stick, cup, and instructions on how to test drugs for Fentanyl. Does not have reorder info and only contains the single strip. We suggest to augment with a 10-pack or more of strips.
  - SWODA pre-ordered 500 Xylazine Testing Kits from OSDH.

- ***o*** Darien Chebahtah, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Opioid Response
  - Overdose Awareness and Memorial Event- Saturday, August 24th in Watonga from 10a-2p, but a dance will follow until midnight. Lunch will be provided. Location is the Lucky Star Casino's Conference Center.

- Brittani Brice, Red Rock Behavioral Health
  - Narcan Vending Machine in Chickasha is going through about 100 units a week.
    - The problem is people will come in and take 40 or more and take all the Fentanyl Test Stipes and not leave any for others.
    - People are taking that narcan and selling it.
    - People are just leaving Narcan outside in the hot sun as well.

Treatment

- Steve Berry/Cheryl Megli, SWODA

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- Mobile Unit Updates- Our census remains at 5. However, HRSA funding will end on 8-31-24. If new funding is not secured, the program will cease, and clients will be referred to another program. The COSSUP24 application, if approved, would fund continuation of the Mobile Unit Operations. SWODA will retain ownership of the Mobile Unit and will continue to seek opportunities to keep this program running.
- We have provided technical assistance to an APRN out of Ft Cobb that wants to begin prescribing Suboxone out of her medical clinic. Once she begins prescribing, we will publicize her clinic's new services and explore referral procedures.

- George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center, Michael Shields
  - Next treatment cycle starts September 4th.
  - Outpatient Counseling program should come online soon.

Recovery

- *Theresa Sharp, Evolution Foundation*
  - Trainings:
    - Talk Saves Lives
    - Interacting with Autism
  - Take Back Event
  - Tough As a Mother

- *Daniel Palmer*, Oxford Houses of Oklahoma
  - Weatherford
    - Has openings
  - Woodward
    - Has openings
  - Recovery Event (Woodward): September 5th
  - Possibly opening a women's and children's home in Woodward.
    - They made an offer on a house and should know soon if they get it.

- Jacey Burrow, Hope Is Alive
  - Weatherford Home is Full (13 men)
    - Few projected to graduate in January.
    - A couple men graduated in June.
    - September 7th: Run for Hope
      - Funds from this will help support the Finding Hope support groups.
      - https://hopeisalive.net/runforhope/
      - Okie Ice Cream Truck will be there.

Consortium Member Updates

- All Consortium Members
  - Michael Shields
    - Behavioral Health Services are provided in Clinton, Watonga, and El Reno.
    - TOR had hoped to order larger fridges for Harm Reduction items, but they were unable to. They have hopes to order these in October.
      - *Distributed:* 97 boxes of Narcan in Clinton.
      - *Distributed:* 82 boxes of Narcan in El Reno & Watonga
    - TOR started their second round of Wellbriety Groups in Jails
      - They started in Woodward & Ellis County on August 5.
    - TOR started a Wellbriety Meeting in Clinton at the Library on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.
    - IHS is looking for an LCDC to provide outpatient substance abuse counseling.
  - Rose Horsechief
    - She wants information on the Wellbriety Group because the BEAR program is wanting to explore maybe starting some of these up.
  - Steve Berry
    - Cardinal Health OK in Canadian County
    - They have housing and utility assistance for people in recovery.
    - We do not have information on how to make a referral.
  - Brittani Brice
    - Dawg Days at SWOSU
      - August 28th @10:00 AM
      - Will be taking the following:

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- 300 Narcan
- 1,000 Fentanyl Test Stripes
- 2,000 condoms

*****Next meeting: **Thursday, September 19th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

We always welcome everyone to join us in Burns Flat at our offices but will continue to offer virtual attendance options if travel may be a barrier.