

Attendees: Aaron Luth, Amber Clark, Anonymous, Camille Gordon, Casey McClain, Christina Isley, Darlene Smith, David King, Diane Zell, Jason Pantier, Jeff McFadden, Jenny Gomez, Julie Pohlman, Kaitlin Rund, Kaycie Sanders, Kristin Davis, Kristy Powers, Leanna Morgan, Matthew Hales, Michelle Hibbard, Robert Edwards, Summer Phillips, Tia Schum, Wendy Lambert, Whitley Grayson

Guest Speaker(s): Kristin Davis

Note Taker: Matthew Hales

Minutes

Introductions

- Aaron Luth, Person with lived experience (PLE)
- Amber Clark, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, Suicide Prevention, Illiana VA Health Care System
- Camille Gordon, HOPE of East Central IL
- Casey McClain, DCHD Mental Health Counselor
- Christina Isley, SLU Department of Family and Community Medicine Research Assistant
- Darlene Smith, Douglas County Recovery Navigator
- David King, Carle Addiction Recovery Center
- Diane Zell, immediate past president, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Jason Pantier, Douglas County Probation
- Jeff McFadden, Bridgeway System of Care Coordinator
- Jenny Gomez, Carle Addiction Recovery Center
- Julie Pohlman, Statewide ROSC Region 4 TA
- Kaitlin Rund, Douglas County Jail Administrator
- Kaycie Sanders, Dial-A-Ride
- Kristin Davis, Family Guidance Center, Region 4 Substance Use Prevention Integration Coordinator
- Kristy Powers, Recovery Coach Vermillion County
- Leanna Morgan, Douglas County ROSC Coordinator
- Matthew Hales, Librarian, Newman Regional Library District
- Michelle Hibbard, Rosecrance Community Relations Coordinator

- Robert Edwards, Director, Atwood-Hammond Public Library
- Summer Phillips, DCHD Health Educator and Outreach Coordinator
- Tia Schum, Piatt County ROSC Coordinator
- Wendy Lambert, Vermillion County ROSC Coordinator
- Whitley Grayson, Coles County Recovery Navigator

Organization Spotlight/ Guest(s)

Kristin Davis, Family Guidance Center Region 4 Substance Use Prevention Integration Coordinator

Kristin gave an overview of her work experience and qualifications before opening discussion about the Substance Use Prevention Integration Center that provides health equity around substance use prevention

Integrates prevention using the following strategies; information dissemination, education, alternatives, environmental, community-based process, problem identification & referral. Can provide trainings and guidance for prevention needs and works with providers to determine local needs.

Region 4 Substance Use Prevention Integration Center is designed to help increase health equity around substance use prevention in IDHS Region 4, work with providers throughout central Illinois to integrate evidence-based substance use prevention into existing youth-serving programs, and provide support, guidance, education and training to integration partners

Kristin provided a flyer for those in person and will send to Leanna so she can forward to the council.

Recovery Navigator update

Darlene Smith, Douglas County Recovery Navigator, provided updates on some of the projects that are currently in process, specifically items that were purchased with Douglas County Opioid Settlement fund (see activity).

- Virtual Wellness Group every Friday 4:00, printed flyers available in person.

East Central IL Deflection Initiative

Also known as Deflection Avenues Reconnection Team (DART)

- Next implementation meeting is April 11, 2024 from 1:00-5:00 pm at Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 N Prairie St, Tuscola
- For additional information or to RSVP, please reach out to Koren VanderWeele at kvanderweele@tasc.org

Grant opportunity was sent out to county employees through ICJIA. Koren had mentioned that the funding could be used to supplement DART.

FY25 Planning

Council discussion on the current strengths and weakness to determine areas of focus for FY25 goals. Leanna has worked on a projected budget and shared some of the ideas her and Darlene added based off of previous council discussion and one on one meetings. Some of the ideas that were discussed were focusing on unhoused individuals, education in the jail, resources for drug court, transitional housing, and anti-stigma education.

Activity Updates

Leanna and Darlene are working on finalizing the Strategic Plan Presentations remaining, which are healthcare and law enforcement. Both will be completed before the end of June.

Resource bags

- That were funded partially by opioid settlement funds, have begun being distributed.
- Budgeted for 150 youth resource bags with opioid settlement funds and donations. We were able to put together 200 total bags.
- DCHD staff have assisted with distribution and were able to deliver 150, as they were already going to the schools.
- Darlene and Leanna delivered 50 to some of the other school schools.
- Adult supplies are available to start putting bags together.
- Atwood Food Pantry was given 35 hygiene kits along with Narcan.
- Most of the homeless bags have been distributed out, but may be getting more. With these being a more expensive, but very needed item, sponsorship would be welcome!

Expanding Narcan Access

- Has been going great! Darlene and Leanna have been scheduling outreach days and have kept in contact with Summer to provide updates.
- New sites in Villa Grove include the Villa Grove Police Dept and Korner Beehive. There is a verbal agreement for a 24-hour location to place a Barney Newsstand Box in Villa Grove.
- Darlene and Leanna are scheduled to head to Arcola area next.
- They have also been making phone calls to bars and gas stations.
- There are still a few of the larger boxes left but are not expected to last too long. There are still smaller boxes but some business are taking two so they can put in men's and woman's restrooms.

SMART Recovery

- The SMART Recovery training list has been finalized. The training is being paid for through Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds for those providing SMART in Douglas County.

Other Business and agency updates

Diane Zell gave an overview of Rattle the Stars Suicide Prevention and Awareness event by NAMI on Campus.

- April 1, 6:00-7:00 pm at Mumford Hall Rm 103, 1301 W Gregory Dr, Urbana
- Event is open to the Public
- Information on Facebook page www.facebook.com/RattleStarsOrg/

Diane Zell mentioned that April 11th is Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Springfield.

- For more information contact NAMI

Diane Zell let everyone know that Ebertfest is coming up in April

- There will be a mental health related film on April 20th, Japanese Incarceration, assimilation, and what it means to be a minority in America today.
- There will also be artist exhibits with arts and crafts for sale

Summer Phillips gave an overview of the Douglas County Highlights

- On April 20th from 10am-2pm
- At Tuscola outlet mall between Ralph Lauren and nursing site
- Can go online to register for vendor sign up! Leanna will share flyer for vendors and for public.
- Six inflatables, Slides, Bounce house, food trucks, Schools integrated
- Trying to get churches involved and first responders
- Highlighting services available to residents in and around Douglas County

Next meeting: April 24, 2024 at 10:00am at Douglas County Health Dept. and Zoom.