



Mayors' Gold Star Community Task Force | Quarterly Meeting
Bismarck Public Works – Large Conference Room
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Attendees:

Megan Anderson (Legacy High School), Dwight Barden (Burleigh County Housing Authority), Bianca Bell (Community Options), Jessica Brewster (West Central), Gloria David (City PIO), Chief Dan Donlin (Bismarck Police Department), Dave Draovitch (Bismarck Police Department), Jay Eberle (Centre, Inc.), Nancy Guy (Bismarck City Commission), Darrin Heinert (Bismarck Police Department), Sheriff Pat Heinert (Burleigh County), Keith Hunke (City of Bismarck), Whitney Irmien (Minot State University Student), Kathleen Jones (Burleigh County Commission), Brandi Jude (Invisible Innocence), Sue Kahler (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Bea Kaiser (Bismarck Public Library), Christine Kujawa (Bismarck Public Library), Amanda Lange (University of Mary Student), Carlotta McCleary (Mental Health America of ND), Renae Moch (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Pam Sagness (NDDHS), Gary Schaffer (Burleigh County Sheriff's Department), Theresa Schmidt (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Mike Seminary (Mayor, City of Bismarck), Beth Stroup-Menge (Heartview Foundation), Guy Tangedahl, MD (City/County Health Officer), Jason Tomanek (City of Bismarck), Kate Waldera (Bismarck Public Library), Marnie Walth (Sanford Health), Chief Jason Ziegler (Mandan Police Department), Randy Ziegler (Bismarck Police Department)

Welcome & Introductions

Renae Moch welcomed attendees and introductions were done around the room.

Subcommittee Updates

Prevention/Education/Awareness – Renae Moch, Public Health Director

Renae Moch provided an update on prevention efforts. She informed the group that BBPH continued to provide Narcan training by request with 1st responders and schools being priority. Entities receiving training since the last meeting in December were: Wilton Public School Administration, Bismarck Public Library Staff, Mandan High/Middle School Administration Staff, BSC Security Staff, United Tribes Technical College Security Staff, Dacotah Foundation Staff and the Mandan Rural Fire Department. The total number of individuals trained since October 2017 = 298.

Renae Moch has assisted schools, colleges and universities in obtaining free Narcan nasal spray through the Adapt Pharma program. Bismarck Public Schools are working with the school resource officers and the BPS medical director for Narcan training.

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, Renae Moch, has been selected to participate in the National Council for Behavioral Health's Integrated Response Training program and will learn about tools and resources needed to help address mental and behavioral health issues, such as the opioid epidemic. Moch is one of 40 public health officials representing 22 states participating in this behavioral health training opportunity. This training program will be held in Washington, D.C. April 23-25, 2018.

Renae also reported on the number of grant purchased Narcan that has been administered. Since October 27, 2018, 26 doses were administered saving 16 lives.

Treatment & Recovery – Beth Stroup-Menge, Heartview Foundation

Beth Stroup-Menge from the Heartview Foundation reported on work currently being done related to treatment and recovery. She also reported that Jodie Fetsch, Director of Nursing for Custer Health in Mandan presented information at the most recent subcommittee meeting on Mandan's Good Neighbor Project, the first syringe services program in the state of North Dakota. See attached handout for details.

Intoxication/Withdrawal Management – Deputy Chief, Randy Ziegler, Bismarck PD

In lieu of Chief Dan Donlin's retirement announcement, Deputy Chief, Randy Ziegler, has stepped in as the lead for the intoxication/withdrawal management subcommittee. The subcommittee met and discussed law enforcement numbers that were sent to West Central relating to intoxication management. In reviewing the raw data there was a shift from jail detox to civil committals for treatment and a reduction in citations but increase in arrests. West Central needs this data to start the planning process for their Emergency Service Restructure Initiative. A Crisis Intervention Team program is a model for community policing that brings together law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency departments and individuals with mental illness and their families to improve responses to people in crisis. There is funding for both programs through the Justice and Behavioral Health Collaboration. CIT training remains on hold pending more cost information and possible CIT training vendors.

Data compiled by BPD showed a group of approximately 32 individuals that law enforcement deals with on a regular basis. These individuals are in the system numerous times and use Police resources at an alarming rate. Those identified had contact with law enforcement on 868 occasions, had been jailed or detained on 231 occasions, had emergency room contact on 111 occasions and had used the ambulance or EMS on 59 occasions in 2017. A previous study conducted in 2016 by the collaboration established a baseline of 2964 contacts by law enforcement with persons having behavioral health issues. These two snapshots show that a small number of individuals (32) result in approximately 29.3% of law enforcement activity related to behavioral health.

This subcommittee recommended moving forward with the investigation of social detox models and researching funding opportunities for a solution.

Emergency Sheltering – Nancy Guy, Long-term Emergency Shelter Steering Committee

Commissioner Nancy Guy reported on the efforts of the Long-term Emergency Shelter Steering Committee. This steering committee is broken down into working groups focusing on funding, location, lead agency search, best practices for emergency shelters, and faith based-community involvement. There will be a stakeholders meeting in April where input will be gathered on a community solution to meet the needs of emergency sheltering in Burleigh/Morton Counties. The goal is to have a plan put together by July 1, 2018.

ND Department of Human Services Update – Pam Sagness, Director, Behavioral Health Div.

Pam Sagness reported on upcoming activities and initiatives that DHS is working on. See the attached presentation.

Call to Action – Subcommittee Priorities

Members were encouraged to sign up for subcommittees if they have not done so already. There are many new partners that have joined the task force since this group was put together. If you're interested in joining a subcommittee, please contact Renae Moch at rmoch@bismarcknd.gov and she will add your name to the contact list. Subcommittee priorities were discussed for the upcoming year.

Initial priorities were identified as follows:

Prevention/Education/Awareness

- Expand on behavioral health and substance abuse prevention efforts established in the last 6 months.
- Continue collaborative relationships in the community to meet behavioral health and substance abuse/prevention education needs in Burleigh and Morton Counties.

Treatment & Recovery

- Address the shortage of treatment providers.
- Reduce waiting lists for treatment.

Emergency Sheltering

- Establish a permanent emergency shelter solution for Burleigh/Morton Counties.

Intoxication/Withdrawal Management

- Explore social detox models.
- Determine appropriate solution to meet the social detox needs for Burleigh/Morton Counties.

More detailed priorities can/will be established by subcommittees as needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018 at Bismarck Public Works at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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