

# Burleigh-Morton Behavioral Health Coalition Meeting



**Zoom Meeting**  
**March 16th, 2021**

## **Attendees:**

Dwight Barden (Burleigh County Housing Authority), Susan Kahler (BBPH), Bea Kaiser (Bismarck Library), Renae Moch (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Gary Schaffer (Burleigh County Sheriff's Department), Randy Ziegler (Bismarck Police), Weston Dressler (Sanford Health), Keith Hunke, (City of Bismarck), Karen Clayton (Candor Professional Services,LCC), Wendy Bakken (Bismarck High School), Megan Reems(BHS Student), Kacey Peterson (Ministry on Margins), Dawn Marquardt (Relative), Jason Tomanek(City of Bismarck), Luke Gardinar(Bismarck Police), Michael Salwei(Sanford Medical), Chelsey Kralicek(Sanford), Tracy Famias(Bismarck Schools), Kyle Kirchmeier(Morton County Sheriff), Brad Brown(West Central Human Service Center), Wendy Bakken(Bismarck School System – School Sector Representative), Heather Horner (BCBSND), Kurt Snyder(Heartview), Tyler Kientopf(Sanford), Jena Gullo(Unite Way)., Amanda Lange(Kids Therapy Place), Ben Johnson(Bismarck Public Schools), Mark Heinert (Youth Works), Elizabeth Garfield(Face Project), Katarina Zimmerman (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Jordyn Schaeftbauer(Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Chris Meeker(Sanford Health), Theresa Schmidt(Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Jodie Fetsch(Custer Health), Lyuden Ring(West Central), Dave Draovitch(Police), Brenna Guenther(F5 Project), Nancy Guy(City Commissioner)

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Renae Moch welcomed attendees and introductions were done around the room. A brief recap of where we left off since our last meeting was done.

## **Subcommittee Updates**

### **Student Subcommittee Update - Megan Reems, BHS Student**

Megan discussed the sticker shock campaign. They had two students from BHS and two from LHS, Williquors manger and a resource officer participating. They put 500 stickers on bags that Williquors used during the state basketball weekend. The stickers included information on it regarding \$2000 fine if you provide minor with alcohol.

### **Prevention & Education Subcommittee**

#### **DFC Grant – Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator**

Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant in the amount of \$125,000 for 5 years by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant requirement is to match \$125,000 by in-kind with coalition members time, etc. Funding is use for assessment to learn local conditions, training for effective strategies to reduce alcohol and marijuana use rates, staffing and media campaign.

#### **Underage Alcohol Assessment for Bismarck/Mandan– Sue Kahler, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health**

Sue Kahler presented information on the results local conditions surveys, key informant interviews and student input on underage drinking that was collected in November 2021. Local Condition is: Youth are sneaking alcohol from their home or friend's home and drinking on weekends. (At their home or friends' home, holidays, (Halloween) Environmental change is: Bring awareness of easy access to alcohol in parent's home and strategies to reduce access. Local Condition is: Youth are accessing alcohol from friends who are 21 years old or older. Environmental change is: Bring awareness of the ND State Law of the \$2,000 fine if you provide alcohol to minor. The Local Condition identified. The strategies were; Parent's Lead campaign focusing on the reducing youth access to alcohol, Not in My House campaign, and a Sticker Shock campaign. We are working with Bismarck Police Dept.

on Hidden in Plain Sight to educate parents about warning signs of substance abuse. Questions were asked about local conditions. Key informant and youth input were collected to help support data.

### **National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week – Katarina Zimmerman, Bismarck Public Health Intern**

Katarina provided information on National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week that is March 22nd – March 28th, the goal of this week is to draw youth's attention to science-based facts about drugs and alcohol. Three schools are participating. Activities include: Bingo, Jeopardy, and an IQ Challenge. These activities are from CADCA. Three social media posts were created on these activities that parents could do at home with their friends or children.

### **Hidden in Plain Sight – Lt. Luke Gardiner, Bismarck Police**

Luke discussed that the police teamed up with Bismarck Public Health to create this virtual training. They hid drugs and alcohol around a bedroom and a car. This virtual training allows you to click on items and learn more through a short video. <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/2017/Hidden-In-Plain-Sight> Bismarck High School (BHS) is hosting Hidden in Plain Sight live event on this April 7th, at 7pm.

### **SOR Grant – Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator**

Sue Kahler provided an update on the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. BBPH focus is reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, decrease use/misuse of stimulants and opioids through the implementation of evidence-based primary prevention strategies. Prevent opioid overdose-related deaths by increasing implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies. Efforts include Supplying Narcan for first responders, Community Narcan Training, Increase Take Back Locations, education on Safe Disposal of Medications, Take Back Events, and offering Detera Medication Disposal Bags.

### **Intoxication/Withdrawal Management Subcommittee**

#### **Randy Ziegler, Bismarck Police**

Randy Ziegler updated the group on law enforcement dealing with intoxicated individuals during COVID with not using the hospital ER's. Randy said the connection with the ministry on Margins, and West-Central Crisis Unit has been valuable with providing social detox. In last two months, they sent 2 cases over to West-Central. Overdoses are on the rise. Over a 2-day period they had 4 overdoses.

### **Lynden Ring– West Central Human Service Center**

Lynden Ring provided an update on the expansion of emergency crises' services at West Central with the social detox. There is an individual on call after 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. to deal with crises and during the day there is designate staff. New emergency service procedures will be implemented that will assist law enforcement with emergency crises calls. They currently have 10 beds licensed for social detox. This program is for 18+ and older. Their model is sit, stand, and stay. Open 24-7, people can leave at any time.

### **Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee**

#### **Jenn Pelster, RN – Mandan Good Neighbor Project (GNP) Coordinator**

Jenn Pelster was able to attend but Sue Kahler gave an update. They continue to see enrolled GNP Clients, however are not taking any new clients due to Covid -19. The GNP Beulah site is on hold. The main focus of Custer Public Health is COVID Vaccinations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katarina Zimmerman, BBPH Intern