

# Burleigh-Morton Behavioral Health Coalition Meeting

Zoom Meeting  
August 10th, 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), Dawn Marquardt (Relative), Jason Tomanek (City of Bismarck), Luke Gardinar (Bismarck Police), Michael Salwei (Sanford Medical), Kyle Kirchmeier (Morton County Sheriff), Jordyn Schaeffbauer (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Chris Meeker (Sanford Health), Theresa Schmidt (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Lynden Ring (West Central), Nancy Guy (City Commissioner), Vicki Laraway (Dakota Center for Independent Living), Christina Kujawa (Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library), Jenn Pelster (Custer Health), Katie Berg (ND Adult & Teen Challenge), Kodi Pinks (ND Dept. of Health), Lisa Wilson (CHI St. Alexius Director of Behavioral Health Services), Jeanine Wall-Hebert (Custer Health), Trent Wangen (Burleigh Morton County Detention Center), Joy Froelich (Executive Director Good Road Recovery Center, MHA), Melissa Wetsch (CHI St. Alexius Health), Senator Dick Dever, Marine Walth (Sanford Health), Laura Anderson (ND Dept. of Human Services Behavioral Health Division), Tyler Kientopf (Sanford Health Community Paramedic), Melanie Hanson (Centre Inc, Mandan), Erin Ourada (Custer Health), Doreen Eichele (Dacotah Foundation), Carrie Grosz (Carrie's Kids), Marcia Schauer (CHI St. Alexius Health) Lorraine Davis (Native American Development Center)

## 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

### **Prevention & Education Subcommittee**

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

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Committee is working on reducing alcohol and marijuana use by 3% with area middle/high school. Currently, Bismarck/Mandan alcohol use rate is 32% and marijuana use is 15%. The focus is on changing perception that underage drinking and marijuana use is acceptable. We are working within the community to address this issue. The project is called "Project .03" to reflect the goal of reducing underage use rates by three percentage points in the past 30-day use of alcohol and marijuana for area students in the City of Bismarck. Carrie Grosz from Carrie Kids shared about attending the National Coalition Academy and the great work the DFC Committee has done with the development of the Community Assessment, Logic Model, Strategic and Action Plan, Evaluation Plan and Evaluation Communications Plan and learning about the local conditions. Carrie thanks the coalition members for providing and participating in the data collection. A poll was done to see BMBH Coalition perspective on community readiness for underage drinking and underage marijuana use. Sue Kahler shared about the (2) local conditions on underage drinking and strategies to address them. Information was provided on the Eyes on Cooler projects at McQuades Softball tournament, where over 400 teams received Eyes on Cooler stickers and information. This was campaign to bring awareness on monitoring alcohol to make sure youth don't have easy access to it.

BMBH Coalition has a new logo and Facebook page to provide information to community members and parents/guardians about upcoming projects and resources. Make sure you "Like" the page at [www.facebook.com/BMBHCoalition](http://www.facebook.com/BMBHCoalition) and share the posts. If there are items you would like posted on the page contact [kzimmerman@bismarcknd.gov](mailto:kzimmerman@bismarcknd.gov).

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

Megan was unable to attend. Sue Kahler provided information on Student Committee work this spring by providing flyers on facts about alcohol, vaping and marijuana for Prom and Graduation.

### **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. 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. There have been 10 trainings with 51 individuals trained so far in 2021 compared to 82 individuals trained in 2020. A chart was shared with how Narcan administered and lives saved. Currently in 2021, there is 142 Narcan administered with 89 saves compared to 2020, 143 Narcan administered with 91 saves.

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

#### **Randy Ziegler, Deputy Police Chief Bismarck Police**

Randy Ziegler updated the group on law enforcement dealing with intoxicated individuals, and Bismarck Police intoxication management responses are down for 2021. He contributes it to Police Officers using different resources than the jail and using the West-Central Crisis Unit, which has been valuable with providing social detox. Randy shared about Dr. Tricia Brown reaching out to have a medical detox and establishing 501 3 © status. She is working on creating an executive board and researching statistics for a grant application. Dr. Chris Meeker, Sanford and Melissa Wetsch, St. Alexius said they can look into ER visits relating to detoxing if additional data is needed. BMBH Coalition members shared interest in having a medical detox facility in our community. Jason Tomanek, Randy Ziegler and Renae Moch will reach out to Dr. Tricia Brown to schedule a meeting and offer the opportunity to join the BMBH Coalition. Joy Froelich from MHA Good Recovery shared about plans for detox in New Town.

Renae Moch shared there may be an interested entity in the community interest in establishing a low barrier shelter. BMBH Coalition members stated there is still a need for a low barrier shelter to assist with individuals who are homeless and need of services unable to be met by current resources in the community. Lynden Ring shared how individuals who were at social detox ended up staying longer because of being homeless and a low barrier shelter could provide an option for those clients

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

Lynden Ring provided an update on West Central Crisis unit the social detox. They are seeing an increase on individuals requiring services, that are coming to Crisis unit on their own or family members bring them.

### **Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee**

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

Jenn provided an update that Mandan Good Neighbor project had 13 new enrolled and the Beulah -location is open. The clients tend to be homeless and are couch surfing. They reported 70 saves with Narcan and not all had emergency services provided after Narcan was administered. 400 lbs of sharp waste have been collected since 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator