

Frederick County – Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coalition Meeting

10/15/2020 9:30 AM | Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Meeting called by	Kylie Doherty, FCHD	Attendees Present: Kylie Doherty, Todd Crum, Debbie Santini, Jessica Ellis, Ashley Bush, Zach Nagel, Mark Burack, Jessica Swanson, Amy McGreevy
Type of meeting	OMPP Coalition Meeting	
Facilitator	Kylie Doherty, FCHD	
Note taker	[Note taker]	

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Remarks and Introductions	Kylie Doherty / All	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval August Minutes	Kylie Doherty	1 minute
<input type="checkbox"/> OMPP Updates for FY2021	Kylie Doherty	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Round Robin	All	35 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Goals/Collaboration Opportunities (FY2021)	Kylie Doherty	10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjourn	All	1 minute

Other Information

Welcome Remarks and Introductions:

Approval of August Minutes

OMPP Updates:

1. Transition away from media partnership with Channel to in-house media promotion. Hootsuite platform is now used for all social media content development and metric analysis. Transition will permit greater independence over site changes and media uploads.
2. “Drug Take Back Day” will be held on October 24, 2020 in partnership with the Syringe Services Program (SSP), Maryland State Police (MSP) and Frederick Police Department (FPD). Locations for medicine and syringe disposal will include the Urbana Volunteer Fire Department and former Trinity School in Frederick. A flyer and two Facebook events have been created to promote event.
3. The organization and promotion of physician training seminar designed to educate providers on safe prescribing methods according to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) guidelines. The training will conduct virtually on November 5, 2020 at 12:00 PM and will provide an opportunity for local practitioners to receive CME credits for attendance. We will be partnering with the Maryland Addiction Consultation Services (MACS) group to facilitate the training.

4. The development of new promotion strategies to most effectively provide community members with multiple outlets for educational resources, including water bill ads, news print ads and the continuance of social marketing campaigns

Round Robin:

Debbie Santini, with the Maryland Coalition for Families, provided updates on the impact Covid-19 safety precautions has had on programmatic activities. All trainings and support groups are now being conducted virtually. An overdose response event providing Naloxone distribution and education on the Good Samaritan Law will be facilitated on October 20, 2020.

Jessica Ellis shared updates related to the Syringe Services Program (SSP). SSP will partner with OMPP and local law enforcement to facilitate the bi-annual "Drug Take Back Day" event on October 24, 2020. SSP will provide sharps disposal services on the day of the event. Additionally, information on the public health alert, released by BHS, on the drug Xylazine and its prevalence observed in fatal overdoses within Frederick County was shared. Xylazine is a sedative which is being cut into heroin and fentanyl, and is being associated with deep tissue injury. Its effects are primarily being observed within intravenous and nasal drug users.

Ashley Bush with Fort Detrick provided accomplishments pertaining to changes made to program structure due to Covid-19. All Fort Detrick personnel are working virtually, and all prevention trainings as also being hosted virtually. The transition in training format has reflected a higher attendance rate, and has improved the productivity and efficiency observed during trainings. The development of a mandatory personnel readiness training and alcohol/drug "Lunch and Learn" seminar is being organized. Expert panelists are currently being sought as seminar resources.

Zach Nagel introduced himself as the Celebrate Recovery Program Coordinator. Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based, 12-step recovery program which currently uses a four-grouped, virtual format to support and serve as a resource to individuals in recovery.

Mark Burack with the Frederick Police Department (FPD) shared recent opioid data as it relates to FY2021. From January until September 2020, trends in data show that a 7% increase in non-fatal overdoses and a 19% increase in fatal overdoses, reflecting a total overall increase of 9% in opioid overdoses, has been observed since 2019. Data show that fentanyl and other additives, including Etizolam, have been involved in 16 out of the 19 total overdoses seen, this past quarter. A trend in overdose victim demographics has also been noted. The ages of overdose victims have increased, as now reflected in the 21-40 age population. While Frederick County has shown a 9% decrease in overdose rates, the City of Frederick reflects a 9% increase.

Jessica Swanson shared recent opioid data as it relates to FY2021. Since January 2020, there have been 128 total overdoses recorded in Frederick County, with 15 fatalities. There has been a 44% increase in fatal overdoses observed in Washington County.

Amy McGreevy introduced herself as one of two community health nurses with the FCHD Covid-19 Response Program. The focus of her efforts include working with individuals in recovery and residents of sober living communities to disseminate education on Covid-19, provide resources to those without medical/dental coverage.

