

Mayor's Opioid Task Force - Data Subcommittee

2019: Year in Review

Mayor's Opioid Task Force

The Mayor's Opioid Task Force held 8 meetings, and over 25 partner agencies participated.

Data Subcommittee

Released four "Opioid Trends in Lowell, MA" reports which focused on opioid-related risk and protective factors for the separate topics of Gender, Summer Weather, Narcan, and Winter Weather.

Media Subcommittee

Media Subcommittee was created, and released three social media PSAs, one press release, and one medical provider message on the topics of Narcan and Winter Weather overdose risk factors.

MassHire/Lowell Career Center

MassHire launched the MassHire Career Recovery Project in May, and has served 91 participants who have been effected by the opioid epidemic. MassHire has funded 30 career training programs, 5 HiSet/GED courses, and 29 sessions of CTI's Financial Literacy classes. Additionally, 33 participants have been connected to paid work experience programs within the, and 24 participants who had been unemployed or underemployed due to their relationship with SUD have been connected with permanent, full-time jobs.

Life Connection Center

Life Connection Center implemented funding from the Department of Public Health to support their Syringe Services Program with Lowell Community Health Center as the fiscal agent. Life Connection Center removed over 40,000 syringes from the community as part of their efforts.

Supporting Moms Strengthening Families

Lowell Community Health Center started Supporting Moms Strengthening Families (SMSF), a program similar to Lowell General's Mom's Do Care, which ended in July 2019. SMSF serves pregnant and postpartum women with current or past SUD. Working alongside Lowell General Hospital, SMSF is able to offer Medication Assisted Treatment, Counseling, Prenatal Tours, Support Groups, & more.

Trinity EMS - Opioid Related Illnesses

Trinity EMS reported 582 confirmed opioid related illnesses (ORI) in 2019.

Lowell Police Department - Suspected Fatals

The Lowell Police Department documented 43 suspected fatal opioid-related overdoses for 2019.

Lowell House Addiction Treatment & Recovery

Lowell House moved into their new Center for Integrated Treatment and Recovery (CITAR) in May. Lowell House was awarded two BSAS grants: one to open a Peer Recovery Center, the Recovery Café, and one to fund a 16-bed Co-Occurring Enhanced Recovery Home for me. Lowell House was also awarded a private grant to open a Recovery Coaching Academy, and will be offering their first training in 2020.

Lowell Community Health Center

Lowell Community Health Center OBAT Department served 412 individuals for Substance Use Disorder: 347 clients were treated with Suboxone and 65 clients were treated with Vivitrol.

Lowell Health Department

The Lowell Health Department held four quarterly Unwanted Medication and Sharps, and removed 470 pounds of unwanted medications and 719 pounds of unwanted sharps from the community.

Lowell CO-OP

The Lowell CO-OP engaged in 667 client encounters related to opioid overdose, and over 1,500 additional client encounters related to rapport building and community engagement.

Lowell Police Department

The Lowell Police Department was awarded the 2019 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program. Grant funding will go towards supporting the Lowell CO-OP.

Syringe Collection Program

The Syringe Collection Program was created, and began removing syringes from the community in April. The Syringe Collection Program Coordinator removed 9,772 syringes from the community.