

Board of Health Meeting – February 7th, 2018
Division of Substance Abuse and Prevention
Health and Human Service Department of Lowell

Substance Abuse Coordinator

Initiatives:

- Has meet with the following community agencies to better understand substance use services and gather information for assessment:
 - Vinfen, Lowell Juvenile Court, Lowell General Hospital Emergency Department
- Continuing to work on the written portion of the assessment of services working with the local substance use community
- Partnering with Trinity EMS to collect opioid-related death record data for a Trinity EMS report regarding number of times Trinity EMS has seen a client prior to a fatal overdose

Attended the following meetings and events to build upon relationships, strengthen understanding of local resources, and facilitate open communication regarding needs areas for the substance use community:

- 1/19 Met with John Dunn (Support Case Manager at LHI) and Partnership for Success Coordinator to discuss resources for 18-24y/o clients
- 1/23 MOAPC/SAPC Monthly Meeting
- 1/24 Partnership for Success Monthly Meeting
- 2/6 Greater Lowell Health Alliance Substance Abuse and Prevention Task Force
- 2/6 The Science of Addiction for Community Providers: Core Principles and Intervention Strategies

Attended the following initiatives for Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) and Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Grants:

- 1/10, 2/7 Monthly SPI conference call
- 1/16 Met with SPI administrative members to work on consent forms and intakes
- Ongoing partnership with Middlesex Sheriff's Office (291 Summer Street) to house CO-OP office space
- Met with Mayor's Opioid Task Force facilitator to discuss how Substance Abuse Coordinator could be of help planning/facilitating meetings

Community Opioid Outreach Program (CO-OP)/Clinical Recovery Specialists:

- 1/23 CO-OP Supervisors Meeting
- 1/24 Met with new LHI Outreach Supervisor and Outreach Specialist (CO-OP member) to orient to CO-OP
- 1/26 Met with new LHI Outreach Specialist to review local resources
- 1/29, 1/30, 1/31 Spent time in the community with CO-OP while Outreach Specialist becomes oriented to the CO-OP
- 2/7 CO-OP Meeting with supervisors present

Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC)

Initiatives

- Homeless outreach and support- *Collaboration with Life Connections outreach in development of ongoing support services to Lowell Homeless; Coordination of community outreach of essential supplies to those in need –January 25*
- Life Skills Training – *Ongoing training with Wilmington/Tewksbury Religious Education leaders; Facilitation of Life Skills Certification training for teachers from Lowell and surrounding communities (Ongoing consultation) January 16*
- Above the Influence Campaign- Planning for implementation within Wilmington/Tewksbury Religious Education classes (Ongoing consultation)
- Completed Quarterly MOAPC report of cluster activity for BSAS **January 31**
- Met with members of the Billerica School board and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools to begin implementation of Life Skills Training in Billerica Schools ; Assist Billerica schools in analysis of Community that Cares Survey results and suggested implementation of initiatives

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- Greater Lowell Health Alliance Substance Abuse Prevention Task force meeting (Chair)(1/9)
- Partners for Success (PFS) meeting, Lowell High School (1/24)
- Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative /Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative cluster meeting (1/23)
- Meeting with BSAS (Bureau of Substance Addiction Services) Grant coordinator (weekly)
- Attended administrative trainings for *Drug Free Greater Lowell* website (ongoing)
- Met with UMass Lowell Public Health intern prospect regarding an internship with the MOAPC grant. Projected start date **January 22**
- Northeast Peer Recovery Learning community meeting to coordinate services in Lowell (ongoing)
- Cannabis Control Legislation Informative Session in Billerica (1/22)
- Greater Lowell Health Alliance Mental Health Task Force (1/25)
- Nan Project (1/29)
- The Science of Addiction for Community Providers: Core Principles and Intervention Strategies (2/6)

Partnerships for Success (PFS)

Initiatives:

- Drug Story Theater: In effort to continuously bring new initiatives to the youth in the community, a meeting was set up on January 3rd with members of the UMASS Lowell Public Health Program, PFS Coordinator, and a representative of Drug Story Theater. The intent is to have Drug Story Theater perform in our community.
- LHS Students: On January 19th, a meeting took place with nine of the students that attended the MIAA Conference on 12/13. Students have agreed to meet again on 2/16 to discuss ways they can help with the PFS Social Media strategy.
- Drug and Alcohol Facts Week: During the week of January 22nd-26th, the PFS coalition participated in this nation-wide event. Facts submitted by the coalition were shared throughout members' respected organizations.
- Middlesex Community College (MCC): In order to capture the older individuals in our target audience, a meeting took place on January 22nd with the Wellness Director at MCC. We discussed how PFS could host informational tables at the college and present during classes.

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- New England Institute of Addiction Studies, Addiction Symposium- 1/18/18
- Jon Dunn (Support Case Manager ages 18-24) from LHI and Substance Abuse Coordinator- 1/19
- Cannabis Control Legislative Information Session in Billerica- 1/22
- PFS Monthly Meeting- 1/24
- GLHA Mental Health Task Force- 1/25/18
- Life Connections/MOAPC Coalition- pack bags with necessities to distribute to homeless population- 1/25
- Greater Lowell Health Alliance Substance Abuse and Prevention – 2/6

Outreach (with the intent of partnering moving forward):

- Christ Jubilee International Ministries: In order to further build capacity amongst the faith-based community, a meeting was held with Senior Pastor Jeremiah on 1/19.
- Boys and Girls Club: In order to further build capacity amongst youth-serving organizations in the community, a meeting took place on 1/26 with the Boys and Girls Club.
- The NAN Project: In order to further build capacity amongst youth-serving organizations in the community, a meeting will take place on January 29th with The NAN Project.
- Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF): In order to further build capacity amongst youth-serving organizations in the community, a meeting took place on January 30th with GLCF.
- Wayside: In order to further build capacity amongst youth-serving organizations in the community, a meeting took place on February 5th with Wayside.

Other:

- PFS Strategic Plan/Logic Model: On January 18th, the contract manager at BSAS notified us that the Strategic Plan and Logic Model have been approved and we can now move into implementation.