



## COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY ADDICTION PLAN

Bridging the Gap for Opiate & Drug Addiction Recovery

## Quarterly E-News Update – April 2020

Please visit [www.columbus.gov/cfcap](http://www.columbus.gov/cfcap) to read mission statements and goals of each subcommittee and to review the data dashboard.

### COVID-19 Tips to Help

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or your inner elbow, NOT your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

### Subcommittee Updates

#### Treatment and Recovery

- Co-Chairs: Meg Griffin, [mgriffing@adamhfranklin.org](mailto:mgriffing@adamhfranklin.org)  
Lynette Cashaw-Davis, [iaylightcd@gmail.com](mailto:iaylightcd@gmail.com)
- Please submit agenda items for the next meeting to co-chairs
- Invitations for agencies to participate as a “tour stop” on the Provider Tour will be mailed out as soon as COVID-19 distancing requirements are received. Tours will occur in zones to maximize time.

#### Criminal Justice

- Drug Overdose Death Investigations have identified a few intersects where decedents could have had additional prevention or treatment interventions.
  - Of the 39 cases reviewed, 38 had a misdemeanor or felony charge
- Held discussion on what training needs to occur with the defense, prosecution, judges, probation department and with treatment providers to provide insight to the defendant the

- potential for overdose death.
- A training for the criminal justice system is scheduled for July 23 at the Ohio DOT on health inequity and disparities and the impact on criminal behavior, harm reduction models and sentencing, and the use of Peer Recovery Supports.

### **First Responders and Law Enforcement:**

- The RREACT team has an additional unit.
- CPD and EMS have a shared position to assist in the collection and analysis of data.
- The preliminary number of Narcan doses administered are:
  - FCSO: 4
  - CFD: 720
  - CPD: 133
- Linkage to MAT by justice involved individuals:
  - Jail MAT = 45
  - Courthouse Program = 32

### **Faith and Community:**

- The Faith-Based Recovery Congregations Certification has gone live.
- The web page for the subcommittee includes a link for faith congregations interested in becoming a Certified Recovery Congregation [www.columbus.gov/cfcap](http://www.columbus.gov/cfcap) (click subcommittees).
- The onboarding of new congregations will happen quarterly.
- The group has opted to be part of the surge notification protocol.
  - Committee members they will share information through all congregation media outlets and request that all services offer prayer and support for those who want it.
- The committee meetings have been changed to the second Friday of the month.

### **Healthcare and Risk Reduction:**

- The subcommittee is considering holding meetings at different sites such as OSU, St. Stephens, Mount Carmel and COCH to provide members of the group with a view of other agencies.

#### **Risk Reduction**

- CPH is working with ODH to evaluate the effectiveness of the Opiate Overdose Surge Notification Process (OOSNP) as a community response plan in Columbus and Franklin County.
  - A survey will be developed to identify specific interventions agencies can provide and will commit to providing a post response report.
- Members have discussed specific interventions that they would like to present to MCOs to decrease prescribing opioids and to screen patients for potential abuse in the electronic health record.
  - When a medical professional goes to the point of prescribing in the record, a “pop-up” would appear asking for the Screening and Brief Intervention Referral Tool SBIRT to be administered.

#### **Healthcare**

- The Central Ohio Hospital Council focuses on behavioral health, infant mortality and opiate addiction and includes these initiatives:
  - Screening for opiates in women after birth – testing will eventually be rolled out in all 3 adult hospital systems
  - Treatment of overdose patients in the emergency department
  - Standardized treatment of opiate-addicted patients in the ED (provision of naloxone,

hepatitis C testing)

- For more formation on how your agency can support these efforts, contact Jeff Klingler.

### **Prevention and Education**

- Daniel Skinner, co-author of “Not Far from Me: Stories of Opioids in Ohio,” met with the subcommittee to discuss the importance of sharing the diversity of the population affected by the epidemic. Learn more: [notfarfromme.org](http://notfarfromme.org)
- If you are interested in joining one of the following workgroups please let Tyler know:
  - Prescriber – all metrics are coming together and have final sets; trying to determine what groups will be focusing on. Seeking new co-chairs and will work in smaller groups to focus on deliverables.
  - School-based (education) – new co-chairs are Gabby and Courtney.
- Most of the strategies will be continued including the continuation of community forums and trainings, assessing and coordinating prevention work that is being done in the school and with the school-age population, and the collection of data and metrics will be clearly defined as an intervention or an outcome.

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### **Provider Updates**

*These useful resources may provide opportunities to partner. If you are a treatment agency NOT affiliated with ADAMH, please send an email to [akboxill@Columbus.gov](mailto:akboxill@Columbus.gov) with a list of your services and hours of operations.*

#### **1DivineLine2Health**

- Garret’s House on Sullivant Avenue has opened as a drop in center for women.

#### **APDS**

- Working on becoming certified to have Narcan at agency.

#### **Brightview Health**

- Accepting new patients via walk-in and for MAT.

#### **CPH-Alcohol and Drug Services**

- Week of Walk Ins is postponed until the week of June 22–26.
  - ADS got a state opioid response grant – serves as a resource to the community.
  - CPH will be doing outreach and assessment services and linking to treatment if desired. There will be six positions open in the near future. Some positions are part time and all positions are grant funded. The positions are 2 clinicians and 4 part time outreach staff.
  - Currently providing mail order Naloxone. To order:  
<https://redcap.columbus.gov/surveys/index.php?s=WYWWTREKWCXY>

#### **CompDrug:**

- Taking new admits, but buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) only, during Covid-19. Also taking stable transfers on any medication. Once they are able to safely perform all of the required admission activities, we will also resume new admissions with methadone.

#### **Mount Carmel Behavioral**

- Traditionally focused on psychiatric condition as primary component and AOD as secondary component, but will return to more of a focus on AOD in the community. Currently continuing to work in the homeless encampment.

### **Safe Point**

- 2 new potential satellite sites are being reviewed for syringe distribution.
- During Covid-19, Safe Point is open only on Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Faith Mission**

- Ohio State students from the SOR program will be starting next month now that the IRB has been approved to distribute fentanyl testing strips.
- Medical respite is underway with Ohio Health. The contract is almost finalized. The original live date was supposed to be April, but it may be delayed. People who need care but are discharged from the hospital will be able to be housed there.

### **Netcare Access**

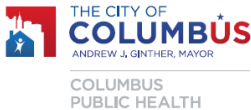
- Responding to the adult hospital systems by accepting patients from Franklin County Emergency Departments in order to preserve emergency department and hospital bed capacity.
- Currently, not accepting walk-ins, law enforcement or other referrals at this time.

### **OACHC**

- Finished baseline assessment for the OD2A for the Franklin County FCHCs.
- Have identified evaluative measures for the project

### **Southeast**

- Now in the library system – Amber is there Monday and Thursday from noon-2 p.m. for naloxone and anyone that might need services. The library does not house naloxone on site, but some officers have been carrying their own personal kits.



The Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan is a collaborative community effort led by Columbus Public Health to address the opiate crisis in central Ohio. Through targeted interventions and innovative programs, the plan works to decrease overdoses, overdose deaths and the spread of infectious diseases. Learn more at [www.columbus.gov/CFCAP](http://www.columbus.gov/CFCAP).