

STRATEGIC OPIOID ADVANCED RESPONSE (SOAR) MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2020

Time: 9:00 am- 10:00 am

Location: Zoom

Zoom Meeting details:

<https://unc.zoom.us/j/95303627043>

1. Welcome & Agenda Overview

2. Data Sharing

- Community Paramedic overdose stats from January-May 2020
 - 122 total overdoses; 103 overdose reversals; 19 DOA
- **Trends?**
 - Increase in polysubstance overdoses
 - Increase in cocaine mixed with other substances in Emergency Department
 - Increase in overdose deaths and overdose responses by EMS and Law Enforcement
- **Potential causes?**
 - Inability to access support systems; virtual resources not as effective

3. Speaker, Leisha DeHart-Davis, UNC School of Government Professor

Presentation: Emotional Labor in High-Stress Occupations

**will attach PowerPoint presentation*

4. PSA Campaign

- Launched in May during National Prevention Week
- Duration: 3 months, May-August
- Geotargeted ads to hotspots in the county
 - Areas with a high number of overdose 911 calls
- Messages will be linked back to resource page
 - <https://www.onslowcountync.gov/1641/Overdose-Prevention-and-Response>

Campaign Reach Data: 76,268 total impressions (first 30 days)

5. New Initiatives

- Overdose Fatality Review
 - Modeled after child fatality review
 - Multidisciplinary team comprised of agencies who play a role in the health, safety, and treatment of substance use disorder
 - Team will investigate the circumstances leading up to an individual's death— where they may have come into contact with of system of care— to identify opportunities for improvement
 - Goals
 - Identify missed opportunities for prevention and gaps in the system
 - Recommend policies, programs, intervention, etc. to prevent future deaths
 - Inform local overdose prevention strategy

Health Department and EMS are working together on establishing this review team, going over best practices from other jurisdictions and applying them to our program. We are projecting this team to convene in the fall. Currently reaching out to agencies and working on getting confidentiality agreements in place.

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
 - Pre-booking program that diverts low-level offenders with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) from courts, criminal justice, and jail and into treatment
 - Goal: to improve community health by reducing criminal recidivism
 - Partnered with Dix Crisis Center
 - Other teams in the state- Cumberland county, Wilmington
 - Sergeant Ramirez, JPD will be the coordinator for this program

6. Agency Updates & Check-in

Grace Dolfi, Dix Crisis Intervention Center: Been active throughout the pandemic and still serving clients. Started new peer navigator program in conjunction with the COSSAP grant. Already have first participant that is enrolled. Participant has been connected with a hotel for the next few days because she is homeless and connected her with food stamps.

Aaron McDonald, RHA Mobile Crisis: Been working via phone or in-person response. All crash assessments at the moment unless its somebody who doesn't feel comfortable with us coming to their home is done in person. We are helping provide links to the facilities as they need them.

Angela Todd, Families of Addicts: I relocated to NC last summer. I am hoping to bring the FOA organization to this community. I am joining this group to build relationships so that I can better understand the need in the area for the families of addicts. My daughter has been in recovery for about two years so if I can help other families get though this and get their loved ones back that would make it even better.

Brittany Meade, True Justice International: We are a human trafficking ministry here in Jacksonville. We also have an office in New Bern. We have been open through out the pandemic and we have a few girls going to our house in the next few weeks. We are trying to learn more about the opioid crisis because a lot of the women that we serve have an addiction to something.

Chris Dudley, Onslow County Community Paramedic: Overdoses and overdose fatalities are trending upward so far this year. We are still following up and making face-to-face contact with individuals either

at the time of overdose or within 24 hours. Our 2 peer support specialists are back with us through a grant. They have been a big help with allowing us to be able to follow up with a lot more people. If anyone ever wants to come do a 'ride along' with us just let me know. It's a good way to see and get a feel for what we're doing.

Dr. Gilbert, Jacksonville Police Department: EMS got a grant through Blue Cross Blue Shield to partner with behavioral health to help divert from the emergency department and improve the continuum of care. This is a 3-year grant and is one more thing for the community to help the mental health and substance abuse population.

Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager- Onslow County: We have seen an increase in the severity of child abuse cases in the last several months. Kerri, our DSS Director, will have more information. For the second DOJ grant, we have made some really good progress on the Health IM standpoint. Finally at a place where our vendor for CAD systems has gotten us on their schedule to build out the connection for Health IM so that it will be easier for the frontline users to connect the two systems.

Chief Yaniero, Jacksonville Police Department: We have been working on the grant program for people that transition from the Dix crisis center. We have a partnership with Onslow Ministries so we are trying to raise enough money to get folks that need the administrative fee paid to transfer them from fixed to long-term treatment.

Victoria Reyes, Onslow County Health Department: We have our COVID-19 mass testing event in partnership with Goshen Medical this coming Saturday from 9 am- 1 pm. You can register by calling 910-787-1100. Suggested individuals to get tested include those who have gone to any mass gatherings, frontline workers, and marginalized populations. This is an opportunity to get tested for free.

Jeffery Sieber, Onslow County Health Department: CCSAP is alive and well. This is a taskforce that works off grants to prevent underage substance use; drinking, smoking, drugs.

7. Next Steps

- Collect data from messaging campaign
- Monthly Digest of Resources
 - Send in anything that you would like to share with the group

Next Meeting: August 20th