

Attendees: Andrea Sailer (ND Brain Injury Network), Carrie Sorenson (ND Quality Health Associations), Cathy Palczewski (Heartview), Doreen Eichele (Dacotah Foundation), Elizabeth Kapella (BPH), Senator Dever, Erin Ourada (WPPH), Lt. Stugelmeyer, Jaylia Prussing, Jacob Sutton, Jason Ziegler, Jen Harrington (Sanford Behavioral Health), Jennifer Pelster (WPPH), Jenna Gullo (United Way), Jess Follman, Kandy Swenning (St. A's), Jodie Fetsch (WPPH), Kris Morrisette (Ministry on Margins), Kodi Pinks (ND Dept Health & Human Services), Luke Kapella, Lynden Ring (WCHSC), Christopher Meeker, Marnie Walth, Matthew McCleary, Mike Ness (Midwest HIDTA), Michelle Erickson (AARC), Sherrice Roness, Wendy Hafner-Bakken, and Sue Kahler (BBPH),

Total Attendance: 28

Welcome/Introductions:

Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH)

Sue Kahler welcomed participants and coordinated introductions.

Homeless Coalition - Sherrice Roness, BPS

Representing Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Sherrice explained several events that are being held for the 2024 Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 17th-Nov. 23rd). Events include "Light the Night", "Freezin for a Reason" and "Walk a Mile in My Shoes." Sherrice gave details/flyers about the events and encouraged participants to attend the events with friends/coworkers/family. There will also be a Double dodgeball tournament to register contact Dave at the Soup Cafe. Last year, BPS recorded 474 children that were identified as homeless.



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Subcommittee Updates:

Prevention & Education Subcommittee

DFC Grant- Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator

Sue shared the DFC Grant activities where Tessa Lee, SAP Intern presented at Bismarck Rotary Club on activities to prevent underage drinking and marijuana. Provided information on risky behaviors and signs to be aware of along with resources. Tessa Lee completed her internship and Madison Peterson is the new SAP Intern. We held two Hidden In Plain Sight events this fall. One Sept. 24th at St. Mary's High School and the other one is United Tribes Technical College on Oct. 30th. There will be Hidden in Plain Sight event held at Shiloh High School in December and open to the public attended. Sue noted that the events aim to raise awareness about substance abuse prevention and educate the community on identifying signs of risky behaviors. It is a partnership with BBPH SAP staff, PYB/SRO and School Administration.

SOR Grant- Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator (BBPH)

We continue to provide Narcan trainings. . Over the course of the year, we conducted 31 Narcan trainings, educating 829 individuals. We presented at the two conferences, one was the ND Nursing Assn. and the other LGBTQIA2S+ Summit. U of Mary reached out to us about provide a training for the Social Work Program in the fall of 2024. United Tribes Technical College staff was trained in June and they requested Narcan kits for students to have access and are using the ONEbox to assist with training them starting in September 2024. We successfully placed 18 locations have Opioid/Naloxone Emergency Boxes throughout Bismarck, with plans to extend their availability to hotels and convenience stores. We successfully distributed 591 Opioid Education Kits to 16 local pharmacies, marking a significant increase of 160 kits from the previous year. Each kit includes Narcan, a Detera bag or Disposal Rx, and accompanying training, further enhancing our efforts to educate and equip the community in opioid overdose prevention and safe medication disposal. We're thrilled to share that the Bismarck Police Department, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, CDC Foundation and the North Dakota National Guard came together at the Senior Center to kick off Red Ribbon Week with a Drug Take-Back Event on October 23rd. This year, we collected an incredible 78 pounds of unused and expired medications, ranging from everyday ibuprofen to potent narcotics with a street value of over \$110,000!

Intoxication/Withdrawal Management Subcommittee:

Deputy Jason Sturglemeyer

Deputy Sturglemeyer provided information on the Encampment Ordinance. The ordinance was in response to numerous complaints of people from the business sector about individuals camping on public property. The Encampment Ordinance prevents camping or having camping type materials on public property. There were community partners involved in development of the ordinance. There is a compassion side of the ordinance. When the Police respond to individual camping on public property, they will assess the situation and if there is a need for mental health or substance abuse issues, the Police will contact West Central. The Police does give individual 24 hours notice to vacate the area. A service provider will come out and meet with the individual and provide their options. The Police will return in 24 hours before they remove their items. Their items are stored at the Police Dept. for 30 days. It has been successful, Ministry on the Margins doesn't have as far as they know as many problems across the street. It appears that everyone is complying with it.

Lynden Ring (West Central)

Lynden provided an update on the withdrawal management crisis residential units, crisis stabilization unit. We are continuing to meet, I think the needs with 10 beds either in the sit stand portion or the actual admission to the stay side. We're staying full, but we're not having weight list and we're meeting the needs. We are concern about the colder weather and people needing a warm place to stay. They were able to hire a 3rd permanent full time on call licensed practitioner to support their overnight staff as well as day staff. This program has been established for 4 years.

Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee

Jennifer Pelster, RN (Mandan Good Neighbor Project Coordinator)

Jennifer shared the Mandan Good Neighbor Project is operating on still operating on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on a walk in basis. They continue to take new participants. There 502 enrolled participants and split pretty 50/50 between males and females. We know that there's been an increase in syphilis cases across the state. Something new that we've started offering with our routine HIV, Hep C testing. They do offer rapid syphilis testing. If they are positive, we can refer them for treatment as well. About 57% of our participants reside in Burleigh County, 36% Morton County and about 3% are in Sioux County. Again, we will provide services for anyone who can

make it to our Mandan office. There is a second site in Beulah, it is by appointment only. There is a sharper drop off kiosk behind the Western Plains Public Health Mandan office. It is free of charge to drop off any type of sharps. Since, July of 2019, we have collected just over 1500 lbs of sharps and waste. About 33% of our people are homeless, working on a plan to address it before winter. We do work with Face It Together. 96% of clients use meth, about 40% are heroin users, 25% are fentanyl user. They provide fentanyl test strips and xylazine test strips. The local drug supply testing positive for the xylazine. Providing education on the awareness of that, that if their supply does test positive, they should not use that supply and Narcan does not work for the xylazine. Also, if they witness an overdose to call 911. They have provided 4000 naloxone and Narcan doses to our enrolled participants and we do have 460 reported saves from those doses.

Deputy Jason Sturglemeyer said they have 56 overdoses reported by Police Officers and 6 deaths this year. It is lower than the previous years. The peak was in 2022 was 20 deaths.

Cathy Palczewski, (Heartview)

Cathy talked about their current overdose grant and how she has been able to use it to conduct Narcan and opioid training. They have discontinued the emergency rooms due to lack of traction and have move to clinics. They are working more on case management and peer support, will be working with three clinics locally. The clinics will contact them to bridge the gap into treatment for those people that have more chronicity to their substance abuse disease and have the desire for change. They are currently training the doctors and working through the setup process.

New Members/Organizations

Additional Comments:

Kodi Pinks, MPH, Director Non-infectious disease Surveillance & Data Management

Kodi shared that statewide death this year as of October 29th is at 80 for fentanyl and 4 of them had xylazine in their system. There is a decrease in deaths year which might be contributed to the Narcan. We are also working on overdose dashboard. There is a suicide dashboard at [Suicide Prevention | Health and Human Services North Dakota](#).

Andrea Sailer, ND Brain Injury

Andrea shared they are working on Brain Injury Toolkit relating to overdose.

Carrie Sorenson, Quality Health Association of North Dakota

They will be offering a mental health first aid training virtually. They are offering 3 classes a month. Here is the link to upcoming trainings. [Mental Health First Aid Training – Quality Health Associates of North Dakota](#)

Jenna Gullo, United Way

The United Way Shelter has reduced their hours like Ministry on the Margins because of the reduce funding. They are hoping through the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to raise funds. They are sheltering 95 people and 20 children a night. There are 42 eds and the rest of people sleep on the floor.

Assignments/Next Meeting

Tuesday February 4th 2025 at 10am-11:30am

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 am

Meeting minutes taken by: Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator

The Mission Statement:

"To lead and guide a continuum of care model to reduce substance abuse & behavioral health issues in our communities."

The Vision Statement:

"A safe, healthy, vibrant community, free of substance abuse, addiction and behavioral health issues."