

Regional Prevention Task Force (RPTF) Meeting

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017

9:00 am-11:00 am

BHDDH, 14 Harrington Rd—Barry Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Meeting Goals: Information sharing update from providers on goals and timeline. Presentation. Discussion on training needs, evaluation, and other questions.

Attendees: Denise Alves (R5 East Bay Region), Lisa Carcifero (R2 Northern Providence County/Blackstone Valley), Ellen Cynar (R3 Providence), Rebecca Elwell (R6 Newport County), Elizabeth Farrar (BHDDH), Dan Fitzgerald (BHDDH), Paul Florin (URI/CRST), Mike McAfee (BHDDH), David Neill (US Attorney's Office), Peter Neronha (US Attorney's Office), Andrea Paiva (URI/CPRC), Obed Papp (R3 Providence), Sarah Reinstein (BHDDH), Shannon Spurlock (RIPRC), Kathy Sullivan (R7 South County Region), Kristen Westmoreland (R5 East Bay Region)

Welcome & Introductions: The meeting began at 9:01 am. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes: Attendees had an opportunity to review the February minutes. Motion carried to approve the minutes as is.

United States Attorney's Office: Peter Neronha and David Neill were at the meeting to talk about the partnership between the US Attorney's Office and the prevention coalitions, and the positive experiences at events with community groups and schools. Peter acknowledged the work the task force and coalitions have done to make these opportunities happen. They are looking to schedule more events at schools before May 16th. Elizabeth Farrar asked about the opportunity to further highlight the emphasis on marijuana as a gateway drug for many youth, as reflected in the "Chasing the Dragon" documentary. Peter talked about time constraints and the focus on prescription opioids and heroin during the presentations as barriers to the discussion, but is open to finding ways to incorporate the connection in future presentations. David talked about the presentations he facilitates with middle school students that draw parallels between the cigarette industry in the past and the current perceptions and culture around marijuana. Peter and David talked about resources for parents, including a DEA handout that provides a reference for prescribed medications. Ellen Cynar asked how these presentations frame marijuana availability and products, especially those that are mixed with tobacco and e-products. David or Peter are available for presentation opportunities. Elizabeth encouraged coalition staff to reach out to them.

BHDDH Updates: Elizabeth wanted to check in with coalitions on the Task 1 and timeline for items due *April 1st*. Descriptions of the regional coalition prevention formation, organizational development, partnership development, and identifying the regional coordinator and fiduciary agent will be required. Please be sure to include any MOUs or cooperative agreements. Data

entry must be done monthly. When entering data, please make sure to upload sign-in sheets, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes into IMPACT. Additional paperwork, including attestation, must be attached to any invoices that are submitted.

Dan Fitzgerald went over the Capturing Local Capacity Building Activities within Mosaix IMPACT handout and acknowledged some of the challenges identified with entering information into the system. The handout provides guidelines for making entries, e.g. using naming convention "R" before the corresponding region number in front of entries. This document is also available to view on the PRC provider portal. Paul Florin added that the regional coalitions are new entities and the coalition building being done is a reflection of these coalitions.

The Prevention Advisory Committee (PAC), a committee under the Governor's Council on Behavioral Health next meeting, which is *mandatory* for Regional Coordinators, will next meet on 3/27 from 1:00-3:00 pm in room 126- **THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO APRIL 3RD FROM 9-11 AM IN ROOM 314 AT BHDDH.** An inter-organizational marijuana workgroup has been created, co-chaired by Sandra DelSesto and Sarah Dinklage. The workgroup met on 2/10 at the Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council, and aims to support legislation that will be proposed in response to marijuana legalization, and establishing a commission to study the issues. There will be a press conference on 3/9 at 11:00 am at the Attorney General's office, which will announce legislation to advocate for a study commission on the impact of marijuana on Rhode Island. PAC has finalized a prevention fact sheet for decision makers and is creating a dissemination plan. PAC is looking to piggyback on or possibly develop a full-day conference in support of the RISAS conference on 3/31. The committee is in the process of updating rules and regulations for certification of substance abuse prevention organizations.

The DEA Drug Take-Back Day is on 4/29. Elizabeth reminded task force members to utilize the PRC portal to post coalition events and attachments, and to use the BHDDH logo on promotional materials. Obed Papp asked about using funding for events. Budget revisions can be submitted to Elizabeth if a budget item for activities was not included in the original proposal. Please be sure to include a narrative, and use a consistent file naming convention that reflects the region, RI-R7.

URI CPRC RISS Updates

Dr. Andrea Paiva from the Cancer Prevention Research Center (CPRC) has been meeting with Dan and Elizabeth to apply lessons learned to the next Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS) administration. Please see the RISS 2018 Administrator Regional Coordinator Tasks and Timeline handout. By the end of March, Regional Coordinators will receive the final draft of the survey and have the opportunity to provide input before going to RIDE for final review and approval. Once the survey is approved, BHDDH will provide electronic versions of customizable superintendent and school committee approval forms (see handouts in packet). BHDDH is working on a formula to incentivize for higher school participation, timely data entry, and obtaining Certified Prevention Specialist Supervisor (CPSS) certification. It is unknown at this

time if charter schools will be included in this survey administration, as they had previously been included under the Marijuana and Other Drug (MOD) initiative.

Lisa Carcifero asked about how coalitions will be introducing this information to school administrators. Dan will work on drafting an email template that introduces the coalition and the survey purpose and importance, and emphasizes the collaboration between local and regional coalitions.

Andrea talked about the transition to an online survey, with paper administration as a last resort. If administrators have questions or serious objections to online survey administration, they are encouraged to contact Andrea and she can work with them. There will be increased engagement with school IT staff this year to smooth the transition as well. CPRC will offer proctoring training and support to schools as needed.

Dan will add a field to the approval forms that allow administrators to add the number of students in each grade that will take the survey and therefore document a commitment to participation.

East Bay Grant

Denise Alves passed around a copy of the regional East Bay Tobacco Council produced under the DOH Grant. This was made available to 16,500 people via local papers in East Providence, Bristol, Warren, and Barrington.

RIPRC Updates

Shannon Spurlock shared information about the upcoming cultural competency training on 3/6, the SAPTS refresher webinar training on 5/26- **THIS E LEARNING COURSE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 5/22/17, REQUIRES A PREREQUISITE OF THE SAPTS 4 DAY TRAINING AND IS MANDATORY FOR REGIONAL COORDINATORS TO PARTICIPATE**, and the collaboration with the Leadership Council to offer facilitation training on 6/8- **THIS WILL LIKELY HAVE A DATE CHANGE TO DUE THE NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL ON ADDICTION STUDIES ON 6/5-8**. There is a SAPTS train the trainer 8/14-8/16. Please see the PRC calendar for more information.

PRC will offering local technical assistance on the change management tool and strategic planning support to coalitions.

The Ounce of Prevention conference will be on 3/28 and certification credits are available. There will be a provider portal refresher training. Priyanka is new to PRC and will be the contact. Elizabeth asked Shannon to add a Regional Prevention Task Force tab to the provider portal.

The BHDDH strategic plan has been updated to include the change to the regional model. Guidance documents for the needs assessment are based on Partnership for Success are being updated and edited, and include a broader range of substance use and behavioral health challenges. The documents should be made available to coalitions in April.

The RIPRC needs assessment will be sent soon electronically. The needs assessment is confidential and will provide a chance to identify opportunities for support. Shannon encouraged feedback.

PRC has started following up on trainings, starting with the facilitation training. Training participants will receive a call with a series of questions, including what happened after the training, is it/how is it useful, knowledge transfer to coalition members, skills improvement, etc. Evaluation will likely transition to an electronic format in the future.

Elizabeth wanted to know if coalition members wanted to schedule a technical assistance working meeting to review the guidance document, and possible dates. A doodle poll will go out for dates during the first week of April. **SHANNON WILL SEND OUT A DOODLE POLL SOON.**

Evaluation

Paul is going to meet with Dr. Dorothy Foster to work on an evaluation plan that will be reviewed with Elizabeth, and Dr. Foster will be at the next meeting to present concepts. Paul will be transitioning his role to Dr. Foster.

Other Items

- Ellen Cynar had a question about legislation and lobbying. Any questions should go to Kathy Kushnir at BHDDH. Jenna Mackevich at BHDDH is handling press inquiries at this time.
- Regional coalition logos have been created. They will be sent to Elizabeth.
- The next Governor's Overdose Task Force meeting will be on 3/8 at the DOA 2nd floor conference room, 11:00 am-12:30 pm.
- RISAS Annual Conference 3/31 from 9:00-12:00 pm. Register at <http://www.risas.org>
- The AAA-Z Impaired Driving Forum will be on 4/12 from 9:00-2:00 pm in Seekonk. Dan will send information to Sarah and she will forward it to task force members.

The meeting ended at 12:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3rd 9:00-11:00 am Barry Hall Room 226