

# MINUTES

## **Linn County Opioid Steering Committee**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**10:00am-11:30am**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Erin Foster, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

### **Present**

Rod Courtney, Timothy McGullam, Erin Foster, Andy Oleson, Dan Chatham, Promod Dwivedi, Lindsay Schrader, Mallory Hughes, John Stuelke, Amy Doerrfeld, Laura Faircloth, Todd Lange, Jacquie Fitzgerald, Jacklyn Gillen, Ursula Livermore

- **Linn County Public Health**
  - Promod: CDC intervention
    - Funding from the government (no amount yet for opioids)
    - Hope that Iowa will be included

### **REPORT-OUTS**

#### **Sub-Committee Updates**

- **Prevention and Community Education – Amy Doerrfeld, Chair**
  - Short Term Objective: By April 1, 2019 create opioid response, treatment and recovery resource cards to distribute to first responders
    - Rough draft complete
  - Erin: Naloxone distribution
    - Over 60 people trained last quarter
  - Eastern Iowa Heroin Initiative Town Hall meeting, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Healthcare, Treatment & Harm Reduction – Sarah Ziegenhorn, Chair**
  - See attached document
- **Law Enforcement & First Responders – Jackie Gillen & Andy Olesen, Co-Chairs**
  - Jackie: Naloxone trainings will continue in time
  - Lindsay Shrader: Town Hall meeting, April 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Resource fair, 4pm-5pm, Alternatives to pain management
    - ASAC Naloxone trainings
    - Chief of CR
    - US attorney
    - Erin/Andy-What is the steering committee?
    - End with CRUSH-Chad Courtney's story
    - Media will be there
    - **NEED VOLUNTEERS!**
- **Data Collection – Amy Hockett & Chief McHale, Co-Chairs**
  - Erin: Marion Police—Custom Notification Team (Chief McHale has more info)
    - To prepare accurate statistics annually related to opioid related overdoses and deaths in Linn County pursuant to the direction and continued structure of the Linn County Opioid Working Group.

- Prepare annual reports for the Linn County Opioid Working Group showing demographics and mapping of opioid related overdoses and deaths to provide various platforms the information needed to implement various intervention strategies or outreach programs.
  - To respond to any request for data to support a strategy that has been adopted and approved by the Linn County Opioid Working Group or it's sub committees within 30 days of the request.
  
- **Advocacy – Kevin Techau, Chair**
  - Syringe Exchange bill is still alive
  - Promod: Feb. meeting with legislatures—majority support this
  - Day on the Hill to come
  
- **Discussion of Steering Committee**
  - How long will it exist?
  - What is the actual mission/vision?
  - Open to debate the frequency of meetings
  - Laura Faircloth: Update the committee group to fill in any gaps
  - Keep the meeting quarterly?
  - Our job as the committee is to provide information to the Board of Health
    - About education—what is the science/evidence behind it?
  
- **General Announcements**
  - Jacquie Fitzgerald
    - New pharmacy in town, 3100 E Avenue, NW Ste 102—CR Care Pharmacy
    - Suboxone
    - Waivered physicians
    - Free delivery
    - Welcoming atmosphere—no shame
  - Erin: Governor's Conference, April 16-17
  
- **Wrap-Up & Next Meeting Planned**
  - Next meeting: June 11, 2019