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Monroe County Coalition Meeting
DCF Conference Room
November 19, 2019

Introductions:

Elaine McHale, Key Bridge, Susan Moore, Christina Wood, Monroe County Coalition; Joe Laino, Thriving Mind; Ali Baston, Monroe County Coalition; Priscilla Bennett, Department of Health; Debra Lounders, Rural Health; Edward Perez, KWFD; Jenna Moeller, MCSO.

Call In: Michael Cunningham, AHEC.

Joe Laino chaired the meeting
Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM
Elaine Thompson was out due to a personal emergency

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Priscilla Bennett, Department of Health approved minutes. Ali Baston, Monroe County Coalition seconded the motion.

Florida Department of Health Updates: Alison Kerr, Department of Health; The Florida Medical Examiners Overdose map was released in early November. DOH Angela Giaquinto is working on a one page summary and intends to share those results in the January or February Meeting. Upon first glance, Fentanyl overdose deaths statewide are increasing sharply while other opioid deaths appear to be decreasing. In Monroe county 1 fentanyl death, 11 cocaine deaths, 0 heroine deaths, and 1 methamphetamine death has been reported. For the tobacco prevention program, the main thing we are working on is the Great American Smoke out coming up on Thursday. Bourbon Street Pub will be providing cessation resources with hopes to becoming tobacco free amongst employees and smoke free all together in the near future. She also added that store audits are taking place again for the first time since 2017 which consists of a few volunteers throughout Monroe county collecting data to help determine what preventative measures can be made to prevent youth access and youth vaping. They hope to get more youth involved in their outreach and education. DOH is also actively looking for volunteers to present on the dangers of vaping inside Monroe County Schools.

Fire Department Updates: Edward Perez, KWFD;

Edward Perez states that in regards to the OD map there is a phone call tomorrow to discuss the data. Perez states he hopes to make sure everyone is reading the data correctly and to answer any questions individuals may have. He also stated the fire department still has about half of the Narcan they originally started with and are actively applying for more to replace what has been used. Narcan runs about \$44 a vial for the injectable or \$99 for the nasal spray. Perez added that the fire department spends about 4 to 5 thousand dollars a year on Narcan. He states they are in a good spot and will continue their efforts inside Monroe county. Susan Moore added that Allison at the Department of Health may have access to more data in regards to the OD map. Perez states any new data or information can be helpful as Key West, Big Pine, and Stock Island are glowing on the map. Susan added the idea of sharing more information about the grant to the station in Big Pine as they had expressed a need for Naloxone earlier this month. In conclusion, Perez states he is happy to set time aside to explain in more detail the outcomes of the map.

Key Bridge, Inc Updates: Elaine McHale, Key Bridge;

Elaine states that Key Bridge is beginning to go into Holiday mode as they tend to see an increased number of problems around the Holidays. Joe Laino states how impressive it is that Key Bridge seems to be a very busy place with their bottom floor always filled with people trying to access help. Elaine additionally added that SHAL is on the bottom floor

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from 9-12 Monday through Thursday. Elaine also added that they were set back some by flooding inside the building, however, they are working to finish getting the facility finished. She concludes with stating GCC will be opened Christmas eve until 12 and Christmas day until 1.

Monroe County Coalition Updates: Susan Moore, MCC;

Susan Moore states that the Brain and Lung exhibit in Marathon went great and that over 400 kids went through. Susan added that while MCC wanted to host the exhibit in Key West as well, last minute the company expected us to find a way to transport it, which made it too difficult. Susan also stated that she wanted to commend Tina Bellotti and Christina Belotti for all of their hard work and dedication. They made it possible for us to have a very successful exhibit and for this we are grateful. Cristina Wood additionally states that MCC has been working on our All Stars data and we look forward to sharing our results with you next month. Susan states that MCC created a flyer to raise awareness in regards to the increased amount of fentanyl. In conclusion, Ali Baston states that our overall message is that any drug you buy from friends can contain fentanyl and to raise awareness to this matter is detrimental to our service industry workers who may be using stimulants such as cocaine to get through a long shift.

AHEC, Updates: Michael Cunningham, AHEC;

Michael states they finally got the DCF opioid project finalized for the 2019-2020 year. He added they have been dealing with some limitations moving forward such as DCF not wanting to support any community based programming that took place last year and have shifted their focus to health care professionals or individuals working in a primary care setting. He added that three more programs are being approved as we speak. Michael stated that two of these programs are highly academic geared more for physicians and the last being the approval on an oral health program for dentists and dental hygienists. In conclusion, Michael states everything should be finished by the second half of the fiscal year and AHEC will make sure to release their updated information at that time. Joe Laino asked if the deadline for insurance is December 15th and Michael confirmed December 1st- December 15th AHEC will have someone available to further help and explain the affordable health care act and get individuals in front of a licensed counselor. Debra Lounders from Rural health added she has been attempting to get her employees insured using the .gov website provided, however the only insurance provided is not covered here in the keys. Susan Moore added she too would like to access insurance for employees and maybe by assembling a group of other non-profits we could strategize some way to make company wide health care more accessible for non-profits here in Monroe County.

Monroe County Sheriff's Office: Jenna Moeller, MCSO

Jenna Moeller states they are still waiting on funding to come back from underage alcohol bias program. The last she checked in they were in the process of moving from the trailers to the new building. Jenna also stated she has seen an increased amount of Fentanyl coming through Monroe county some cases in it's almost pure form. Two cases that were supposed to come back as heroine trafficking cases came back as Fentanyl and has been found in both pill and powder form. Jenna added that most of their street sources don't touch any drug that is white in color due to the increased presence of Fentanyl. Jenna also added they recently did a search warrant in big pine where they confiscated a trafficking amount of heroin. She added MCSO confiscated over a pound and a half of methamphetamine through the mail. In addition, Jenna states that parcel interception is a bit more difficult here inside Monroe county due to the set up of the packaging facilities.

Other Topics/Discussion:

Discussion was held regarding MCC's efforts to add Narcan to the first aid kits of bars on Duval. We also discussed the stigma around Narcan and the importance of community wide access. Discussion was held in regards to new Drug enforcement officers who can give DUI's for substances other than alcohol. We also discussed the 9 students going to Capitol hill for the CADCA training this year.

We would like to thank everyone for attending.

The next meeting will take place on December 17th at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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