

PARCC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 16th, 2023

Meeting time 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: The Harbor Recovery Center, Portage

Attendees:

Bryan Bilse (PARCC), Paula Enger (PARCC), Tom Drury (PARCC), Jamie Ziegler (HHS), Rebecca Kaiser (TBH), Lora Foster (VIP), Lydia Elson (HHS), Marie Darling Ellis (DHS), Rebekka Cary (CVSO), Jessica Beckett (TBH), Adria Schroeder (LSD), Deanna Lord (LMC), Tawsif Anam (Regional Director for Senator Ron Johnson)

A. Updates From PARCC (Paula & Bryan)

- i. Bryan provided an update on the JUUL Settlement money which is being distributed as grants by the Wisconsin Tobacco and Control Movement. PARCC was awarded \$35,000 as part of the settlement. PARCC will use this money to bring awareness to area schools of the vaping epidemic. PARCC will also help area schools by providing vape disposal kits in order to safely dispose of confiscated vaping devices
- ii. Bryan provided a Narcan Report to the group. PARCC provided training to the Poynette EMS and trained 11 members. Lodi, Randolph and Poynette EMS are all part of the Narcan bag leave behind program. Two Narcan trainings will be held for school staff in Lodi in April. A third training for community members in Lodi is being planned for some time this spring. PARCC will be conducting a Narcan training for the Portage Police Department's Citizens Academy in early May.
- iii. Bryan provided an update on the Movie Theater Advertisement. The add was a success and was viewed approximately 2,625 times in three months. Coalition members were encouraged to put the advertisement on their own website to further get the word out.

- iv. Paula provide an update on the SOR Grant. PARCC was awarded a grant for \$10,000. This money will be used for helping with costs associated with drug take back events. Medication lock boxes will also be purchased with the money provided.
- v. Paula provided an update on the PARCC Awards Ceremony with will be taking place at the May meeting. Members were sent the link to nominate people. The nominations are due by March 30th, 2023.

B. Group Updates

- i. Marie Darling Ellis from HHS reported she has received training in Narcan and is now able to teach people how to use Narcan. Marie has an upcoming training at a business in Columbus where she will train approximately 70 people. The Fall River School District is requesting a Naloxone Box. School staff have been previously trained.
- ii. Tom Drury provided a Harbor Recovery Center update. Harbor has been very busy with 140 referrals coming in since it started taking clients. Rise up Events and other meetings continue to be very popular at Harbor.
- iii. Lydia Elson from HHS reported that she would be working to revitalize the DEC Group. Lydia would like to get more of the law enforcement agencies in the county to participate. Lydia said HHS is seeing a rise in drug related cases involving heroin and cocaine.
- iv. Rebekka Cary from Columbia County Veterans' Services reported the VA has expended mental health services to veterans. Rebekka also told the group about a safe gun storage program the VA is involved with. The VA is working to get one in each county in Wisconsin.
- v. Jessica from Transitions Behavioral Health told the group that she gets Narcan from PARCC to give to her clients who need it. Jessica reported there was recently a successful save with Narcan that had been given to a client.
- vi. Lora Foster from the Portage Police Department VIP group reported the Portage Police Department are currently holding a citizens academy. Lora told members that AA meetings are taking place for female inmates every Thursday at the Columbia County Jail.

- vii. Tawsif Anam who is the Regional Director For Senator Ron Johnson's Office reported Senator Johnson has been working on the SOFA Act. This is an act that would prevent new products containing Fentanyl products from being distributed. This bill would also make Fentanyl a Scheduled one drug in the Substance Control Act.

Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 2023 at 1 P.M. at the Harbor Recovery Center in Portage