

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE
ASA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

APPROVED

Meeting date: February 14th, 2023

Via Hybrid

Member Christina Olevano
Attendance: Kylie Holochak
Bob Williams
Teri Rosenberger
Guest Judy Aupont
Attendance: Mental
Hygiene Staff Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director
Attendance: Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)

Meeting called to order at 10:33am

Category: Meeting Minutes
Topic: Review and approval of the January 2023 Minutes
Discussion: Minutes approved as written

Category: Reports
Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- OASAS Grant
 - Received \$ 89,000
 - Therapeutic tools
 - Purchase two vehicles
- State Abatement Opiate Dollars
 - Will receive \$300,000 for 2022-2023
 - \$150,000 per year through 2023
 - Funding based on three factors
 - Drug overdose deaths
 - Completed suicides
 - Non-whites
 - Tentative spending plan due to State next month
 - Waiting to see how much money is actually received
 - Committee will be developed once the money comes through
 - Funds will be restricted and unrestricted
 - Restricted funds must be spent on Human Services
- The Governor proposed \$1 billion dollars for Mental Health

- Returning more psych beds
- OASAS treatment has completely changed
 - ADS census continues to increase
- Christina and Lori are working on DFC items
 - Working on strategy
 - Need to ask permission to apply for years 6-10
 - In-kind match increasing
 - Year 6 – 100%
 - Years 7 & 8 – 110%
 - Years 9 & 10 – 150%
- Staffing
 - Hired two new people
 - Currently have 2 CASAC and 1 School Base positions open
 - Edith Lupo is no longer with the department
 - Receiving new resume's and interests
- Jail Program is running. Lori has heard no complaints or issues
- County Plan
 - When new format comes out, Lori will bring in for review
 - Please review 2023 plan, goals, objectives & tasks
 - Lori would like to start the process in March

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Deputy Director of Community Services – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Fentanyl testing strips arrive next week
 - These will be given to clients with Narcan kits
 - Link for strips being sent to Public Health & CASA Trinity
 - OASAS pushing for harm reduction
 - TC ASAP Coalition to help advertise the strips
 - Public Health PSAs
 - Probation - Teri to ask Brian Cain
 - ACBC has strips and can help as well

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Census
 - 49 admitted clients
 - 30 in Continued Care
 - 11 Peer only
- Intakes are up
- Hiring for two CASACs
- Hired a Co-Occurring therapist
 - Anticipated start date 3/27/23

- Working on Quality Improvement Plan
 - Looking at outcomes and engagement

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: OD Maps – Christina Olevano

Discussion: Updates:

- Overdoses
 - 10 in January – 5 opioid, 5 non-opioid
 - No fatalities

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Coroner/EMS – Bob Williams

Discussion: Updates:

- 1 Fentanyl overdose in December
 - Death was thought to be natural causes while waiting for toxicology report
 - Report received – Fentanyl overdose
- Interviewing for EMS Coordinator – offer being made soon

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Prevention – Christina Olevano

Discussion: Updates:

- Leave Behind Naloxone Program (document attached)
 - Looking to coordinate with area counties
 - Looking for contact information for services and agencies in Tioga County
 - Discussion on what information to include in updated coalition business cards
 - Mental Hygiene, Tioga County EM, ACBC/COTI
- Narcan Boxes
 - Possible additional locations discussed
 - Need a solid plan before program is expanded
 - Use social media to have interested businesses reach out to the coalition to obtain a Narcan box
- Club House
 - No funding; can't continue
 - Lori asked for a budget for the club house
 - Christina will have Rachel sent the numbers to Lori
- Sub Grant to DFC – 4 years
 - Underage alcohol misuse strategies
 - Due 3/3 - no match requirement
- Black Balloon Day – March 6th

- Looking for volunteers
- Narcan training at Trinity Office on North Avenue
- Coalition meeting next week (2/21)
- “Just Breathe” - Broome County Dispensary opened for legal marijuana sales
 - Two others in Manhattan
 - Sticker shops still operating for now
- Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES Care Contract
 - Christina had a meeting regarding prevention services
 - They want their people to be taught prevention and use their own people
 - Lori will try and assist with contacts

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Public Health – Kylie Holochak

Discussion: Updates:

- Community Health Assessment & Implementation
 - Complete and on website

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Probation – Teri Rosenberger

Discussion: Updates:

- Employment group started yesterday
- Numbers down in the Wellness Group
- Seeing a lot of meth use

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ACBC – Judy Aupont

Discussion: Updates:

- Narcan flier with scannable QR code
 - Christina to use when updating business cards
- Peers working with Probation & the food pantry, transportation to medical appointments & DSS for food stamps
- Working to locate the homeless encampment in Tioga County
- Providing Narcan

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, at 10:30am.

SUDORS Data Are Unique



Multiple methods are used to identify drug overdose deaths.

Jurisdictions can use relevant ICD-10 **cause of death codes** (X40–X44 and Y10–Y14), scans of the **text-based cause of death information**, and reviews of **medical examiner/coroner reports** to identify unintentional and undetermined intent drug overdose deaths.



SUDORS includes data on the drugs that caused death as well as additional drugs detected.

The comprehensive postmortem toxicology information in SUDORS offers a more thorough picture of **what drugs were being used** at the time of death, and of **polysubstance use**, than is available elsewhere.



SUDORS data can capture newly emerging drugs.

SUDORS captures information on **specific drugs** rather than just drug classes (for example, methamphetamine rather than psychostimulants with abuse potential). Additionally, the SUDORS system is **flexible, allowing for new drugs to be added in real-time** as SUDORS staff identify them on toxicology reports. Together, these capabilities mean that SUDORS data can quickly capture newly emerging drugs.



Data on circumstances and scene evidence provide the context surrounding the overdose death.

SUDORS data go beyond toxicology and demographics to provide a look into the **life of the decedent** (for example, medical history, substance use disorder treatment history, and criminal justice involvement) and describe **how the overdose death occurred**.



SUDORS narratives provide the who, what, where, when, and why of the overdose death.

SUDORS staff write a **complete description for each overdose death detailing all components** (such as cause of death, circumstances, and toxicology) in one place. These narratives provide additional context for understanding the overdose and supporting information on circumstances captured within the system (for example, indication of “previous drug overdose” in the system, and the narrative provides context about the timing of the previous overdose, drug(s) involved, and any treatment received). These narratives lend themselves to in-depth qualitative analyses of the context and circumstances of overdose deaths, which can inform prevention efforts.

SUDORS Data Can Be Used for Action



SUDORS data lend themselves to multiple different types of analyses because of the richness of the data and the different types of information that are collected.

For example, analyses might focus on **trends** in deaths involving specific drugs over time, comparison of **circumstances surrounding overdoses** between time periods or across decedent demographics, or **qualitative assessments of overdose context** using incident narrative text data. As a result, SUDORS data can be used for action in the following ways:

Educating partners about location-specific circumstances and risk factors.

Alerting health providers, public health professionals, medical examiner and coroner offices, and other partners of newly emerging drug threats.

Informing drug overdose prevention and response planning and strategies using toxicology and circumstance data.

Evaluating the impact of overdose prevention and response efforts.

State and local jurisdictions are increasingly better informed by systems like SUDORS, which presents comprehensive information on the characteristics and circumstances surrounding drug overdose deaths to inform prevention and response efforts. Find **CDC-published reports on how SUDORS data have been used for action on the CDC Drug Overdose MMWR Articles Webpage** and **Journal Articles Webpage**.



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