

Greater New Orleans Data Work Group

A local epidemiology workgroup focused on alcohol and other drug problems as well as prevention, treatment and recovery services

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 2:30-4:00 PM
Gulf Coast HIDTA Office, 20th Floor Conference Room
3838 North Causeway Blvd. – Three Lakeview Center,
Metairie, LA. 70002

MEETING SUMMARY **DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

1. Roll Call and Attendance:

Dr. David Seal called the meeting to order. Participants included: Robert Baird (FBI); Christopher Bell (DEA Special Agent); Fern Carr (Immediate Past President CCSCC); Leslie Faulkner (DEA Outreach); Robert Gallati (ARC Associates); Elaine Giglio (Gulf Coast HIDTA); Ben Horwitz (NOPD Department of Analytics); Seton Jenkins (GNODDRC Program Director); Ruby Kirsch (DRE St Philip Neri); Dayaamayi Kurimella (Epidemiologist OPH); Michelle Lackovich (La Public Health Institute); Veronica More (US HHS - Office of Secretary - Region VI); Chris Ortiz (Gulf Coast HIDTA); Murphy Painter (Choices of LA); Theresa Pham (LDH OPH); Ed Puyau (MHSD Prevention Coordinator), Gillian Richardson (Epidemiologist OPH); Dr David Seal (Data Work Group Chair); Dr George Singletary (Addison Fellow Psychiatry - Tulane); Bryan Singleton (DEA Recruitment Coordinator), Angela Wiggins (Orleans Parish School Board); Don Petty (Chief Analyst Gulf Coast HIDTA)

2. Review of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes were approved by consensus.

3. OPH/ Health Informatics & Opioid Surveillance System (Theresa Pham)

Theresa stated that the website was fully functional at <https://lodss.ldh.la.gov> and that she had hoped everyone had a chance to review it. She stated that the analysts are in the process of updating the analysis and data for the next cycle. Theresa also stated that the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) made six recommendations to improve the system that will be updated in January 2019 and will be forwarded to Data Work Group Members. (Bob Gallati forwarded the recommendations to all Data Work Group Members on December 14, 2018).

4. 2018 CCYS Implementation (Ed Puyau)

Ed stated that the CCYS implementation is in progress. He also said that an online participation survey will be implemented in 2020. Schools participating will be: Orleans and Plaquemines Parishes and all Archdiocese of New Orleans Schools in the seven-parish region. St Bernard Parish has been approached numerous times by state, local, community and citizens-based efforts but will not participate in the survey. The Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has been notified that St. Bernard Parish School District will not participate. Bob Gallati provided a history of extremely low CCYS participation rates in all Orleans Parish Schools including exhaustive work to

increase the participation in the survey and expressed extreme appreciation that despite the barriers encountered that the 2018 CCYS data will provide a promising future for youth in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

5. Drug Enforcement Agency – 360 Strategy (Bryan Singleton)

Bryan Singleton stated that he had two dates scheduled for the DEA 360 Strategy. The stakeholders meeting will be held on January 29, 2019 at the University of New Orleans. He also noted that the new acting DEA SAIC will be present and that the strategy will encompass New Orleans, St Bernard and Jefferson Parishes. The meeting of the DEA 360 Strategy Community Partners will be held on either February 7 or February 12, 2019. (See attached documents in December 12 email meeting notification and in attendees' packets for pertinent information related to the 360 Strategy.)

6. Louisiana Public Health Inst. – Opioid Data Project + 42 CFR (Kristin Lyman, Michelle Lackovic)

Kristin distributed handouts and discussed the various studies related to Opioid use as well as pertinent data from 2010-2017. She also relayed information that may not be in compliance with HIPAA data. She described the various data marks as well as considerations for follow-up by LHPI. She also discussed the clinical data marks for each participating health system. (See attached documents in December 12 email meeting notification and in attendees' packets for pertinent information related to this project.)

7. Louisiana Early Event Detection System (LEEDS) (Gillian Richardson)

Gillian described the scope and purpose of the LEEDS syndromic surveillance system. LEEDS receives data from emergency departments on a daily basis for ER visits including initial diagnosis and text describing the presenting problems. LEEDS was established after Hurricane Katrina to identify potential emerging disease threats and currently defines 80 different syndromes. The Office of Public Health Infectious Disease Bureau has developed criteria to identify alcohol use and drug use-related emergency room visits as well. Bob Gallati stated that the LEEDS system is functionally similar to the SAMHSA Drug Abuse Warning Network ED system which was discontinued several years ago and, in any case, did not include NOLA. Bob described preliminary results of the most recent analysis: from November 2014 through October 2018 (four years) the percent of total visits that were alcohol use-related remained steady while the percent that were drug use-related approximately doubled. The percent that were specifically opiate use-related also increased but at a somewhat lower rate. Future analysis will include 5 years of data from January 2014 and will be published in the Dashboard.

8. Gulf Coast HIDTA (Don Petty, Elaine Giglio)

Don Petty distributed a handout containing 31 treatment/prevention providers in the state of Louisiana who participated in the Gulf Coast HIDTA Survey. He stated that preliminary results indicate that the respondents to the survey have exceeded our previous 0% level. Although Don stated that he is pleased with the survey results thus far he has stated that it would be important to gain survey respondents from North Louisiana, since present respondents are from the southeastern part of the state. Ed Puyau stated that the Gulf Coast HIDTA should write to Felecia Johnson and Dawn Diaz in order to ensure the State Prevention Provider Participation in the survey. Seton Jenkins added that the importance of this survey is underestimated and that a letter should also be penned to Dr. Janice Petersen, the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH).

9. ACCESS 2017 SBIRT and Archdiocesan Plan (Seton Jenkins)

Seton Jenkins stated that she will have further details related to the SBIRT Access Project following the December 17 meeting with evaluators. She added that the UCLA evaluators of the Coalition's planning and implementation stated that the outcomes of the project had exceeded expectations. Presently, the SBIRT Team is progressing through the implementation of SBIRT in several systems including the Archdiocese of New Orleans. She added that the Archdiocesan plan includes participation in the CCYS Survey, a media awareness plan, a parent awareness team and implementation of prevention education in all Archdiocesan schools.

10. Policing Alternatives for Youth (PAY) Ordinance Update (Angela Wiggins)

Angela Wiggins presented the PAY Initiative Program which was officially inaugurated in August 2018. This initiative utilizes diversionary methods for youth 10 and older who are in the Orleans Parish School District. Angela stated that they have been afforded additional social workers by the city. Angela noted that the PAY Program provides an immediate response to youthful misbehavior, without needlessly connecting children to the juvenile justice system. (See attached documents in December 12 email meeting notification and in attendees' packets for pertinent information related to the PAY Initiative.)

11. NOPD Analytics & Drug-related Service Calls (preliminary) (Kris Gerig)

Kris described the various public data available on the New Orleans Police Department web site. Bob Gallati provided a very preliminary analysis of substance use and mental health-related "service calls" based on the NOPD coding system, including month-by-month counts of calls from January 2017 through November 2018. Dr. Seal noticed that the rows in the table for Zip Code 70113 (Central City) were out of order; this will be corrected for the record. Preliminary trend analysis suggests that the number of "drug violation" calls increased about 50 percent during this two-year period. A similar pattern was noted for Zip Code 70113. Also provided as a sample was a mapping of calendar 2017 "drug violation" calls for the Central City area. This type of analysis may be especially useful in obtaining funding and addressing substance use problems at the neighborhood level. Interpretation of this type of data needs to be informed by the nature and limitations of the data sources.

12. Announcements from working members and associates

- Veronica Moore stated that she was looking to host a statewide meeting with schools and colleges to focus on Prevention awareness and College Recovery Programs. Dr Seal stated that Tulane has data but due to privacy purposes the data may not be accessible. Ed Puyau stated that there is a statewide core survey of the college age population that may be beneficial.
- Bryan Singleton said that the DEA will host an Opioid Awareness Day at the Audubon Zoo on February 16, 2019.

13. Schedule next meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting of the Data Work Group is February 7, 2019.