

MINUTES

Purpose: Engage Okaloosa County community members in a health improvement process through an open, two-way dialogue to strategize the most effective manner to incorporate substance use efforts into OCHIP.

Attendees: Emily Tash, Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa); Petra Maddens, DOH-Okaloosa; Amanda Colwell, DOH-Okaloosa; Elizabeth “Beth” Smith, DOH-Okaloosa; Mayor JB Whitten, City of Crestview; Sgt. Jessica Trimboli, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office; Chief Robert Bage, Fort Walton Beach Police Department; Ardelle Bush, Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton County; Crystal Harrison, Homelessness and Housing Alliance; Sheila Fitzgerald; Deb Willis, West Florida Area Health Education Center.

Opening – Elizabeth “Beth” Smith

- Elizabeth “Beth” Smith opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She reviewed the meeting’s purpose and agenda.
- Beth explained the health issue prioritization process from the Community Health Assessment and Okaloosa Health Summit.

OCHIP Groups – Amana Colwell and OCHIP Champions

- Amanda stated each OCHIP group is currently working on a goal or action step related to substance use. She asked OCHIP Champions to each share an overview of what their group is doing related to this issue.
 - Sgt. Jessica Trimboli provided an overview of substance use in the Healthy Children group. They house the Okaloosa County Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and Communities (DEC-C).
 - She stated they are working to increase trained trainers and expand the Handle with Care policy by introducing more municipalities and developing an educational video.
 - Mayor JB Whitten shared updates from Healthy Communities. They previously were addressing injuries and workforce housing.
 - After the Overdose Summit, members discussed a passion for collaborating to also address substance use.
 - Chief Bage shared that addressing the challenges involving fentanyl requires new collaborative solutions that cannot be done in isolation.
 - Ardelle Bush shared from the Healthy Moms and Babies group. She stated they are working to emphasize the ‘Quit for Baby’ messaging of the Recipe for a Healthy Baby campaign. This will include tobacco and nicotine use, marijuana use, and other controlled substances.
 - Deb Willis shared the Healthy Behaviors group is working on substance use including nicotine, alcohol, and fentanyl education. They also plan to work on community reintegration for Okaloosans experiencing substance use and other life-controlling circumstances.

- Healthy Behaviors is currently developing a resource to share information about substance use and recovery. Group members are sharing their programs and services to be combined before the next meeting.
- Jessica shared DEC developed a QR code sticker previously that had a similar goal of sharing resources. She suggested this project be combined with other groups to create a larger resource directory that could be accessed via a QR code or rack card.
 - The group agreed. DOH-Okaloosa will house links for the QR code on their website. Emily will email OCHIP members to ask for services to be provided via email from all groups.

Substance Use Strategy Discussion – Elizabeth “Beth” Smith

- Beth prompted attendees to share ideas and strategies of how to best collaborate between groups.
- Jessica shared there were OCHIP Champion meetings during the previous CHIP cycle where Champions shared information across groups.
 - Attendees agreed this would be a beneficial meeting and would address keeping substance use in each OCHIP group.
 - The OCHIP Champions meeting will occur on the second Wednesday of the third month of each quarter (i.e. March, June, September, December). Emily will share a recurring meeting invite.

Open Discussion – All

- Mayor Whitten shared he is working on a task force for substance use in Crestview and hopes other municipalities in Okaloosa County will do the same. He is also continuing an educational campaign following the Overdose Summit that includes billboard messaging with resources for local organizations doing substance use work.
- Shelia Fitzgerald stated the county is working on substance use settlement in the future. She can attend both this quarterly meeting and the Healthy Communities meeting to serve as a liaison for substance use and housing.

Closing – Petra Maddens

- Petra thanked attendees for participating and asked them to complete the meeting evaluation form to provide feedback.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 8th at 9:00 AM at DOH-Okaloosa and via Microsoft Teams

Action Items	Owners	Deadline	Status
Email OCHIP for services to add to resource & QR code	Emily Tash Pickens	2/3/2023	Not started
Share all meeting dates & times via email to entire OCHIP email listing, post on HealthyOkaloosa.com	Emily Tash Pickens	Monthly	Ongoing
Send recurring invitation for the OCHIP Champions quarterly meeting	Emily Tash Pickens	2/3/2023	Not started