

Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force

July 11, 2022 from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department

Zoom Meeting – Virtual Only

AGENDA

| Description | Action Steps/Items |
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| Welcome / Review Minutes / Review Agenda | Jon Tunheim was unable to attend. Katie Strozyk welcomed everyone to the meeting. The May minutes and the July agenda were approved, with an addition to the July agenda to include an update from Washington State Health Care Authority regarding the status of opioid settlement funding. Introductions were saved for membership updates at the end of the meeting. |
| State Opioid Settlement | <p>Kris Shera provided an update from Health Care Authority regarding the current status of the opioid settlement funding process. The State will receive 50% of settlement funding, with the other 50% being allocated to local jurisdictions. The current timeline is for the State to receive their funding in the December, with disbursement to local jurisdictions to follow. The expected total settlement amount is approximately \$500 million. Settlement funding will be allocated to both the State and local jurisdictions over a 17 year span.</p> <p>Local jurisdictions will receive regional disbursements, in accordance with their Accountable Community of Health region. For Thurston County, this region is as follows – Thurston, Lewis, Greys Harbor, Mason, Cowlitz, Pacific, and Wahkiakum. This region will develop an Opioid Abatement Council to oversee disbursement of funding, to ensure that all funding is used in accordance with approved uses for the funding.</p> <p>The State is currently working on developing proposals for spending of the State allocated settlement funding through Work Groups in different action areas. These Work Groups will each submit their top 3 priority areas for spending to the State in September. Once submitted, the priority spending proposals will be reviewed and an executive sponsor group will recommend spending proposals to Governor Inslee for inclusion in the 2023 budget, which should be released in December.</p> <p>More information about the opioid settlement process can be found at - https://www.opioidsettlementtracker.com/</p> |
| Mail Order Naloxone for Individuals | Washington State has developed a new resource for individuals to access naloxone for free. Individuals can now have naloxone mailed to them free of cost, by requesting it online. There is a form online to fill out, with minimal information being requested. Naloxone kits are then mailed to the individual in a speedy manner, in discrete packaging. These naloxone kits can be requested once a month. This resource is meant for individual use, and not for agencies to request naloxone kits to distribute to the public or their program |

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| | <p>participants. There is a standing order at the state level, as well as a Good Samaritan Law (RCW 69.49.095 & 69.50.315) which allow individuals to obtain, carry, and administer naloxone without needing an individual prescription from a medical provider.</p> <p>Mail order naloxone can be accessed free of cost at - https://stopoverdose.org/find-naloxone-near-me-washington-state/</p> |
| Overdose Awareness Day – August 31 | <p>International Overdose Awareness Day is August 31st. This day is meant to remember without stigma those who have been lost and provide education and awareness to end fatal overdoses. There will be an event at Heritage Park from 1 pm – 5pm. The event will feature naloxone training, a memorial altar, crafting, and resource tables. More than 20 agencies are participating in the event to offer various resources and ways to memorialize those who have experienced an overdose, fatal or non-fatal. This event is open to the public and we encourage all to attend.</p> <p>There will also be proclamations made at various City Council meetings to formally proclaim August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day. City of Tumwater, City of Olympia, and City of Lacey are all scheduled to make proclamations.</p> |
| Celebration/Recognition Event | <p>The current plan is to have a celebration event Monday, September 12th in the afternoon at Lacey Community Center. This event will feature food and various learning opportunities. Work Groups have each selected an individual and/or an organization who they would like to recognize for the work which has been accomplished in their action area. Additional nominations are to be submitted via email by Friday, July 22nd.</p> |
| Legal System & Equity Strategies | <p>The Legal System and Equity Work Groups have been paused, as many of their strategies overlap with the work that is occurring within other Work Groups. It is proposed that in September ad-hoc meetings will begin for the strategies in these areas which do not currently have overlap. The two initial strategies of focus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve understanding of the intersections between housing status and substance use - Expand information about harm reduction approaches to substance use, availability of harm reduction services, and how to access them |
| Work Group Updates | <p>The following Work Group Updates were shared:</p> <p>Overdose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training video is in development to have our own local resource that individuals can access to learn how to recognize an overdose and respond using naloxone |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stimulant overdoses are still an area of focus, and there is educational print material available for any agencies who would like to distribute An educational outreach project is being developed in hopes to provide education to pharmacies around naloxone access. This is anticipated to launch later this year with the intention being to remove barriers and stigma for those who are interested in accessing naloxone via a pharmacy <p>Treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Zoom panel will be held focusing on why Peer services are important and crucial to service delivery on Thursday, July 21st from 1 pm – 2:30 pm. <p>Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new pharmacies now offer medication dropboxes at their locations: SeaMar in West Olympia and St. Peter's Pharmacy Spanish radio ads will be launching in August via Bustos Media featuring messaging around safe medication storage and encouraging disposal of unused medication <p>Pregnant & Parenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still distributing resource cards with support agency contact information on them, as well as pregnancy tests The South Sound Lactation Network is working on developing a series of educational webinars for late fall/winter, with the hopes of the first webinar in the series being around substance use and lactation |
| Membership Updates / Funding & Partnership Opportunities | <p>The following updates were shared during the roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nisqually Jail is almost finished with the update of their 16-bed detox facility. The new Medication for Opioid Use Disorder clinic on Pacific Avenue is still awaiting various permitting from City of Olympia to move forward. Dr. Cindy Grande will be presenting to the California Society of Addiction Medicine next month on how low dose ketamine treatment can be helpful for individuals who are transitioning from fentanyl to buprenorphine to avoid severe precipitated withdrawal symptoms. Public Health & Social Services will be offering another chronic pain workshop, which will be held virtually Emergent BioSolutions has a new price for 4mg Narcan (naloxone nasal spray) of \$47.50 |
| Schedule & Next Steps | <p>Next Task Force meeting: October 03, 2022 from 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm. VIRTUAL ONLY – NO IN PERSON ATTENDANCE https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85649532962 Call-in: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 856 4953 2962</p> |

If you are interested in additional information regarding the Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force, would like to join a work group, or have further questions – please contact Katie Strozyk at katie.strozyk@co.thurston.wa.us or (360) 878-1261