

Attendees: Renae Moch (BBPH), Theresa Schmidt (BBPH), Sue Kahler (BBPH), Jason Stugelmeyer (Bismarck PD), Bea Kaiser (Bismarck Public Library), Jena Gullo (United Way), Lynden Ring (West Central Human Service Center), Kodi Pinks (NDDHHS), Tyler Kientopf (Sanford), Jason Ziegler, Mandan PD, Lynden Ring, (West Central) Cathy Palczewski (Heartview), Bri Krause (Heartview) Melanie Hanson (Centre Inc. Mandan), Sister Kathleen Atkinson (MOTM) Christine Kujawa (Bismarck Public Library), Adam Moch (Intern), Senator Dick Dever, Gary Schaffer (Burleigh County Sheriff's Dept), Nicole Schurhamer (Burleigh County Housing Authority), Lieutenant Luke Gardiner (Bismarck PD), Jen Harrington & Laurie Heyd (Sanford Behavioral Health), Kaitlin Weiss (Western Plains Public Health) Jessica Linneman(BBPH), Kyle Kirchmeier (Morton County Sheriff's Department), Cassandra S, Michelle Erickson (AARC)

Total Attendance: 27

Welcome/Introductions:

Renae Moch, Director, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH)

Director Moch welcomed participants to the meeting and shared that BBPH will be moving to their new location on Monday, August 14th. The new address will be 407 S 26th St. All other contact information for BBPH will remain the same.

Better Bismarck Campaign:

Renae Moch, Director, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH)

Renae gave an update on the Better Bismarck Campaign, the purpose of this funding is to streamline and improve services for individuals in crisis experiencing chronic homelessness, addiction, and behavioral health issues in the City of Bismarck. Funding was awarded to Heartview Foundation and Ministry on the Margins

Heartview – Better Bismarck Grant

Bri Krause-(reporting for Kurt Snyder) explained what they would be using the Better Bismarck funds for which will be a second methadone pump to keep up with the increased need for MAT in the community.

Ministry on Margins – Coffee House & Better Bismarck Grant

Sister Kathleen Atkinson provided an update on their coffee house project, and the population that they serve, found that most of the people that they serve are from North Dakota and have lived here for more than 10 years. They are serving an average of 44 people per night. High night was 58 people in July. They do an hourly check to make sure there is enough room for guests. Availability is what they do best, they make sure that they can be always available for those in need providing a place to belong, a place of safety, non-judgmental emergency response while assisting with basic needs.

Subcommittee Updates:

Prevention & Education Subcommittee

SOR Grant – Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator

Sue shared information regarding the upcoming Narcan trainings in the community. Question was asked about Narcan training for groups at an organization and Sue's team is willing to provide this service.

DFC Grant – Sue Kahler, SAP Coordinator

BBPH has a vacant position, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, open and this job is posted on the City of Bismarck's website. The role will be working to reduce marijuana and alcohol use for underaged individuals.

Sacred Pipe Resource Center – Cheryl Kary

Not present, no report given.

Nurse-Family Partnership – Jessica Linneman, RN

Jessica Linneman gave an overview on the Nurse Family Partnership program. Improving families is the main goal, a home visiting program that pairs first time mothers with a Registered Nurse for a home visit once every two weeks unless otherwise needed. This program helps improve pregnancy outcomes. The first 1000 days is very important in an infant's life, and the nurse home visitors make a big difference with this program. Statistics have shown a 49% reduction in child abuse and neglect among and many other benefits.

For more information about this program, check out the website: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/1888/Nurse-Family-Partnership>

Intoxication/Withdrawal Management Subcommittee:

Deputy Chief Jason Stugelmeyer, Bismarck Police Department

Deputy Chief Stugelmeyer reported that opioid overdoses have maintained similar numbers for 2023 as compared to 2022. Drug trafficking is still high, the price of pills has gone down making it easier to obtain. [Xylazine](#), which is actually a horse tranquilizer, is starting to become more prevalent and contributing to overdose deaths. Due to the cheap cost it is mixed in with opioid pills. Narcan does not affect it and will not reverse an overdose. This is something law enforcement has been keeping an eye on in the community.

Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee:

Cathy Palczewski, Heartview, Opioid Grant Manager

As of August 1st, they have put the grant on hold, since last meeting there has been 4 calls, in talks with Metro to have them give Heartview a call instead of the ER. They will look at a different time to connect with clients and not at the hospital. Heartview has offered training to get everyone on the same page. Client recently tested positive for PCP, traced back to vape pen client was using.

Assignments/Next Meeting:

Nov 7th, 2023, from 10am-11:30am

Location to be announced (in-person)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 AM

Meeting minutes taken by: Adam Moch

The Mission Statement:

"To lead and guide a continuum of care model to reduce substance abuse & behavioral health issues in our communities."

The Vision Statement:

"A safe, healthy, vibrant community, free of substance abuse, addiction and behavioral health issues."