

# CITY-COUNTY HEROIN, OPIOID, AND COCAINE TASK FORCE MEETING

April 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:	Michael Murphy, Ald.	Michael Lappen
	Karen Loebel	James Mathy
	Khalif Rainey, Ald.	Christine Westrich
	E. Brooke Lerner	Marisol Cervera
	Michael Macias	Daniel Bukiewicz
	Dr. Patricia McManus	

The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved.

New members, Dr. Patricia McManus and David Bukiewicz, were welcomed.

John Richards with Take Back My Meds and Kathy Schmidt with the Medical Society of Milwaukee County delivered a presentation regarding the allocation of \$10,000 toward Take Back My Meds Milwaukee program. The program is designed to make it easier for people to responsibly dispose of their medication. The Hyde Pharmacy drop box has been emptied several times, which shows the program is an effective way of disposing of medication and getting it off the streets. Community Advocates was thanked during the presentation for their assistance with the program.

The Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition delivered a presentation regarding its work, which includes:

- Targeting the general population, people with increased risk factors, and people already using.
- Disseminating flyers at universities and running ads at Marquette basketball games to raise awareness.
- Installing drug take back boxes at the courthouse, police departments, universities, and other locations.
- Trying to get the word out regarding the boxes and hosting drug take back events, including one with a drive-through service.
- Delivering lock bags and lock boxes to senior centers.
- Providing programming to Milwaukee Public Schools and local organizations.
- Providing substance abuse prevention skills training.
- Providing "QPR" training (question, persuade, and refer) for suicide prevention.
- Providing motivational interviewing training to help people see how drug use is incompatible with their goals.
- Providing youth mental health first aid to help recognize people in mental health crisis.

- Providing drug identification training for education professionals.
- Recommending other coping mechanisms than substance use.

The Public Policy Institute also makes recommendations to the government about policy. One concern raised was regarding lean, which is cough syrup mixed with soda. The program educates youth about what lean is and why it is a danger. They focus on all drugs, not just a particular drug or form. For example, the Tobacco-free Alliance informs people about synthetic cannabis. This organization includes synthetic cannabis and lean and all other types of drugs with their educational programs.

The representatives explained that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) regulates who can handle substances for take-back boxes. Fire departments do not meet the requirements for 24-hour security, which is required by the DEA.

The coalition will be meeting with CVS pharmacy, and MMSD agreed to extend funding for drug take-back boxes.

Ald. Murphy stated that there is new data regarding issuing narcan, which has been broken down by aldermanic district. Ald. Coggs and Ald. Perez have the highest rates of narcan delivery.

Ald. Murphy delivered an update regarding the discussion with United HealthCare (UHC). Ald. Murphy requested a written response from UHC, which is in the file. They agreed to come back to the next quarterly meeting.

Tiffinie Cobb of the Health Department delivered a presentation of the work plan. She stated that the Task Force anticipates holding three county-wide meetings and will set dates for spring or summer. The Task Force is seeking community input.

Michael Lappen requested attendees of the Task Force meeting to distribute the draft plan to their networks because the Task Force is seeking broad feedback. The community that embraces recovery helps keep hope alive. The government will not have enough resources and money to fund every aspect of this crisis, so community involvement is essential.

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