

**ALLEGANY COUNTY HEROIN & OPIOID ABUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**August 25, 2016**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Committee Members Present:** J. Hopkins, L. Ballengee, M. Biddle, M. Carbone, J. Chaffee, M. Chamberlain, M. Damiano, L. Haggstrom, C. Ivers, K. LaForge, W. Penman, B. Riehle, R. Root, J. Tomasi (Absent: A. Buchholz, V. Grant, G. Muscato, T. O'Grady, C. Zenoski)

**Others Present:** R. Starks

**Media Present:** C. Dutton – Cuba Patriot, B. Quinn – Wellsville Daily Reporter

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Legislator Judy Hopkins.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Ravo Root, seconded by William Penman, and carried to approve the Allegany County Heroin & Opioid Abuse Ad Hoc Committee minutes of July 14, 2016.

**Update Ardent Solutions Proposal for Allegany County:**

Melissa Biddle from Ardent Solutions (Rural Health Network) spoke about the recent focus groups and stated they are gearing up for the next round of ad-hoc focus groups which are Asset Mapping, Data Collections, and Community Engagement. As they wind down on the focus groups they will be bringing more information back to the committee for the next steps. The final documents that will be shared will be a list of recommendations based on the focus groups research and legislation at that time. Ms. Biddle assumed that funding will be a part of that recommendation as well.

**Update on PPAC Heroin Group:**

Jonathan Chaffee spoke briefly about the collection of the pill drop boxes. When the boxes are full the Sheriff's Office is contacted. The officers will pick up the boxes and weigh them. They will hold onto them to a certain point then they are sent to Niagara Falls to be incinerated. October 22, 2016, is national pill take back day at Bolivar and Belmont. They are looking at the Courthouse for a good drop off location due to Belmont being the center of the County. The hours are usually 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Brenda Rigby Riehle recommended taking the request to the Human Services Committee first for their approval of having the Courthouse as a drop off location.

William Penman stated the pills are separated between prescription and non-prescription drugs. Over the years based on a low end street value almost one million dollars of drugs have been taken off the streets with these pill drops. There are six permanent drop off boxes throughout the County; Sheriff's Office, Wellsville Police Department, Cuba Police Department, Alfred State Police Department, Fillmore Pharmacy, Jones Memorial Hospital, and Alfred Pharmacy has a non-controlled box that he gives his customers that have the option to drop off pills such as blood pressure medications etc. but if they have a controlled substance they are asked to drop them off at the Alfred State Police Department.

**Update on Town Meeting at County Fair, July 21:**

Chairman Hopkins said there were a number of people who participated in the town meeting held after the Legislative Board meeting at the fair. There were questions prepared for each member on the panel that was specific to their line of work, such as law enforcement, health, and a parent. Unfortunately there were not a lot of people in the audience, but the ones that came, stayed for the whole event. Leslie Haggstrom mentioned the possibility of videotaping the event and sending it to churches, senior citizen luncheon sites, etc. to share this information with the public. It was suggested having Steve Pettenati from BOCES possibly make a recording and blur out the faces. Chairman Hopkins asked John Chaffee to look into this.

### **Update on School Superintendents' Meetings:**

Ravo Root would like to hear an update on the educational services that ACASA and CAREs provides, but he also thinks an overview of where to go for help would be very relevant for the school superintendents to hear. He also stated they try to focus on the proactive characteristics and assets that children need to avoid drug use and abuse. Their counselors are very attuned to working with that.

### **New Business:**

Chairman Hopkins asked William Penman to give an overview on DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment). Mr. Penman stated DSRIP has been going on now for about a year and a half. DSRIP is the main mechanism by which New York State will implement the Medicaid Redesign Term (MRT) Waiver Amendment. The purpose of DSRIP is to fundamentally restructure the health care delivery system by reinvesting in the Medicaid program, with the primary goal of reducing avoidable hospital use by twenty-five percent over five years. Up to \$6.42 billion dollars are allocated to the DSRIP program with payouts based upon achieving predefined results in system transformation, clinical management, and population health.

Mr. Penman also stated that New York State set up approximately twenty-five different performance provider systems throughout the state. Allegany County is in a provider system that is mainly out of the Rochester area, which is called FLPPS (Finger Lakes Performing Provider System). Listed below is a list of projects that they have chosen to work on.

- \* Create integrated delivery systems that are focused on evidence based medicine/population health management
- \* ED care triage for at risk populations
- \* Care transitions intervention model to reduce 30-day readmissions for chronic health conditions
- \* Transitional supportive housing services
- \* Integration of behavioral health and primary care
- \* Behavioral health community crisis stabilization services
- \* Behavioral Interventions Paradigm in Nursing Homes (BIPNH)
- \* Increase support for maternal and child health (including high risk pregnancies)
- \* Promote mental, emotional, and behavioral (MEB) well-being in communities

- \* Strengthen mental health and substance abuse infrastructure across systems
- \* “Project 11” – Implementation of Patient Activation Activities to engage, educate and integrate the uninsured, and low/non-utilizing Medicaid populations in community based care

**Partnership with ACASA and CAREs:**

William Penman stated they would continue to work on putting together a management service organization because they both use the same billing and electronic health software. They want to strengthen the two agencies.

**Narcan Training:**

William Penman stated the Southern Tier Healthcare Network out of Olean will be holding a Narcan training in their clinic September 13, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. It is open to the public, their clients, and staff that need to be trained. Registration is necessary, and you can go to the PPAC website to register. There is no cost and those who participate will get a free narcan kit.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2016, in the Legislative Chambers at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. following a motion by Lori Ballengee, seconded by Mike Damiano, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stella L. Dewey  
Allegany County Board of Legislators