

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)  
 Recovery and Health Management Sub-Committee  
 Meeting of Thursday, April 28, 2016  
 AIDS –CT, Hartford, CT  
 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 am

**PRESENT:** Co-Chairs: Debbie Henault (DOC), Shawn Lang (AIDS – CT); Members: Bill Halsey (DSS); Dr. AJ Tec (Cornell Scott-Hill Health); Deb Dettor (CCAR); Deb Polun (Community Health Centers Association); Susan Wolfe (DMHAS). Staff: Ines Eaton (DCF); Lauren Siembab (DMHAS)

Topic	Discussion	Action
Follow-up and Review of short-term (ST) and long term (LT) issues and strategies identified at March sub-committee meeting.	ST: We need to continue to expand access to naloxone. Physicians, in particular, need sufficient information about the “no-liability” laws related to prescribing naloxone to patients or family members. Physicians also need education about the risks of opioids, including state-specific data on addiction, as well as Best Practices in prescribing opioids.	Continue to develop a “Fact Sheet for Physicians” based upon AIDS-CT Fact Sheet intended for general public. Continue to explore additional means of distributing Narcan.
	ST: People who are in early recovery are at acute risk for relapse and overdose. There is a “captive audience” to whom providers can offer naloxone and overdose risk reduction education that includes people in prisons and inpatient/residential treatment.	DMHAS, DCF and DOC have begun and will continue to provide opioid and overdose education to staff and contractors with the intention of getting the information to inmates and adult and adolescent state agency clients. Suggestion made to add JD-CSSD to the list of state agencies.
	ST: Some of the language related to addiction and recovery does not reflect the “illness” of addiction or “hope for recovery” from the illness.	Continue to review and revise “Language of Recovery” document developed by Deb Dettor to hand out and discuss at June council meeting.
	LT: People who show up in the emergency rooms with behavioral health issues, especially those who have overdosed, don’t get connected to services.	Continue to explore best way to intervene with individuals in emergency departments. <b>NOTE – perhaps we can explore the EDs who are attempting to set up programs and highlight those.</b>
	LT: CT medical and pharmacy schools may not provide adequate information about opioids and opioid prescribing to students as is done in other states.	Deb Polun attended a meeting at the UCONN Medical School and made a request that the curriculum that is being revised include topics related to opioid prescribing and overdose prevention. They requested that she check back with them in September. Shawn will reach out to UCONN School of Pharmacy.
	LT: Individuals attempting recovery or in early recovery benefit most from having hope for the future.	Continue to explore ideas and resources related to “Recovery Capital”.
New Sub-committee member		Deb Henault will reach out to Kyle Zimmer as requested by Representative Conroy. Shawn will reach out to Steve Dilella at DOH to see if he can join us; and to DPH to see if there’s a staff person.
Next Sub-Committee Meeting		Thursday, May 26, 9-10:30, AIDS-CT
Special Meeting of the ADPC	This meeting will specifically address strategic planning related to the Opioid crisis.	Monday, May 9, 10-12, LOB

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Next scheduled meeting of the ADPC		Tuesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10-12, TBD