

**ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)**  
**Recovery and Health Management Sub-Committee**  
**Meeting of Thursday, June 13, 2016**  
**AIDS –CT, Hartford, CT**  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Follow-up and Review of short-term (ST) and long term (LT) issues and strategies identified at the March and April sub-committee meetings.</b>	ST: Expand access to naloxone. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribers - A summary of suggestions from the OD Prevention Workgroup was discussed. Suggestions relate to access, stigma, marketing, and prescriber CEU requirements among others. A naloxone Fact Sheet for Prescribers was reviewed.</li> <li>• Community members – The focus may be primarily on stigma and education. It is not clear if Infoline or the 800# DMHAS number to obtain information on assessment centers has information on naloxone and/or what they should say about it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Fact Sheet for Prescribers was developed. Approval and distribution plans still need to be discussed.</li> <li>• Suggestions from the OD Prevention Workgroup and this sub-committee will be shared at the next ADPC meeting.</li> <li>• Infoline will be contacted to verify if they have information on naloxone and how they disseminate.</li> </ul>
	ST: Reduce stigma and discrimination for people in recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the language related to addiction and recovery does not reflect the “illness” of addiction or “hope for recovery” from the illness.</li> <li>• People remain concern over any repercussions for getting naloxone through their insurance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The “Language of Recovery” document developed by Deb Dettor was reviewed. The sub-committee will recommend it be approved and adopted by the ADPC.</li> </ul>
	ST and LT: Not fully discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• LT: People who show up in the emergency rooms with behavioral health issues, especially those who have overdosed, don't get connected to services.</li> <li>• LT: CT medical and pharmacy schools may not provide adequate information about opioids and opioid prescribing to students as is done in other states.</li> <li>• LT: Individuals attempting recovery or in early recovery benefit most from having hope for the future.</li> </ul>	
		Continue to explore ideas and resources related to “Recovery Capital”.
<b>Next Sub-Committee Meeting</b>		Thursday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30-10:00, AIDS-CT
<b>Next scheduled meeting of the ADPC</b>		Tuesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30-12:30, TBD