

# Genesee, Orleans & Wyoming (GOW) Opioid Taskforce Work Group Meeting

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**Date:** Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, 10AM-Noon

**Location:** Genesee County Fire Training Center/Emergency Management Office  
7690 State Street Road, Batavia

Topic:	Notes:
<p>Welcome &amp; Introduce Work Groups</p>	<p>-Paul Pettit, Genesee and Orleans County Public Health Director and John Bennett, GCASA Executive Director opened meeting.</p> <p>-Development of the GOW Opioid Taskforce was shared at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) meeting in Albany recently.</p> <p>-Explanation of the Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Health (MEB) Steering Committee as the overseeing body for the GOW Opioid Taskforce was explained and members were recognized. MEB Steering Committee met a couple times previous to today to discuss next steps. The framework of the Taskforce needs to be more defined; work groups members, short term and long term goals, mission statement, etc.</p> <p>-Meeting will take the time to begin defining the framework and reflecting on what has worked for other regions, what do our counties have that is working and what do we need.</p>
<p>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Resources in Existence</p>	<p>-Drug Treatment Courts in Genesee and Wyoming. Orleans County has a modified version of this program. Drug treatment courts have proven successful.</p> <p>-Large number of first responders in GOW trained in administering Narcan.</p> <p>-Orleans County Jail has a Vivitrol Program. Vivitrol also known as Naltrexone is used to prevent relapse in people who are dependent on opioids and then stopped using it. It can help from feeling a "need" to use opioids for 30 days. Inmates receive Vivitrol upon their release.</p> <p>-Rochester Regional Health-United Memorial Medical Center provides detox services and have a 28 day in-patient alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation program called <a href="#">Hope Haven</a>. The <a href="#">Veterans Association (VA)</a> <a href="#">provides Substance Use Disorder Programs</a>. These</p>

	<p>programs have detox services available for civilians if they are not being used by Veteran(s). Additional detox/treatment locations include <a href="#">GCASA</a>, <a href="#">Horizon Health Services</a>, <a href="#">Spectrum Health &amp; Human Services</a>, and <a href="#">Loyola Recovery Foundation</a> (which also will accept civilians if beds are not being used by Veterans).</p> <p>-Genesee County Mental Health Department has a bridge/case manager located in the Genesee County Jail to assist in linking inmates to community services. Also, there are three therapists that service the population on a rotating basis. In the Orleans County Jail, Scott Wilson assists inmates with connections to community services.</p>
<p>Needs &amp; Barriers:</p>	<p><b>Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Additional long-term treatment beds (&gt;30 days)</li> <li>-Additional detox beds</li> <li>-Increased knowledge of substance abuse services available. Example, many individuals do not know where to find detox beds.</li> <li>-Recovery Coaches and Peer Mentors = Help individuals with their recovery and serve as a support system. Have proven successful in other regions. Don Snyder, Chaplin, is working with the Orleans County Sheriff's to begin a recovery coach program. Don would like to see churches to be involved in such work.</li> <li>-Outpatient medical detox (currently not available)</li> <li>-Additional supports to family/friends impacted by addiction</li> <li>-Data. Could replicate data sets for GOW that Erie County has previously identified. Data measures - # of overdose deaths, # of overdose patients admitted to Emergency Rooms, # of Narcan doses administered, drug-related arrests, etc.</li> <li>-Reduce mental health and addiction stigmas. Possible regular community events.</li> <li>- Funding. P<sup>2</sup> Collaborative of WNY interested in helping in this area and can apply on behalf of the tri-county region if needed. Applications should be done in a tri-county approach ideally although this may be difficult do to pre-determined funding regions in which the counties differ.</li> </ul> <p><b>Barriers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wyoming County Community Health System emergency room can only admit a person for detox services if they are suffering from physical withdrawals. If a person wants to detox but is not currently withdrawing from drugs/alcohol they cannot be admitted to the emergency room. This is likely true for most if not all emergency rooms.</li> <li>-Hospital coding is not helpful in giving a full picture of individuals who seek care for overdoses, withdrawals, etc. This is driven by insurance companies.</li> <li>-Appears to be a disconnect between substance abuse</li> </ul>

	treatment and mental health care.
Miscellaneous:	<p>-Horizon Village has a shortage of beds</p> <p>-Medication Over Objection = A Judge can order a person suffering from mental health issues to take their medications as prescribed but this only applies to persons who are in an in-patient setting and refusing medication.</p> <p>-Commercial insurance companies typically cover less addiction /treatment services</p> <p>-Each addict has a different path to recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Path to recovery from heroin addiction shared: Detox &gt;Short term treatment &gt;Long term treatment &gt; Supported housing. Also benefited from Vivitrol, mood stabilizers, recovery coach, and support of family. Entering into the path to recovery voluntarily was important too.</li> <li>➤ Path to recovery shared about family member Incarceration &gt; Support housing</li> </ul> <p>-Grant funds may be available for implementation of "Transition Teams" via NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)</p> <p>-Create an addiction hotline. Could utilize <i>Care and Crisis Hotline</i> or 2-1-1 of WNY</p> <p>-Batavia Police Department has begun tracking drug related arrests</p> <p>-Where do we need to direct educational efforts? Medical Community/Primary Care Providers, schools, etc.</p>

<p>Taskforce Members Needed:</p>	<p>The following organizations have been identified as needing a presence on the taskforce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drug Treatment Court Coordinators (<a href="https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/treatment.shtml">https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/treatment.shtml</a>)</li> <li>- School Districts</li> <li>- BOCES</li> <li>- GCC</li> <li>- EMS</li> <li>- MRC</li> <li>- EMO</li> <li>- Mercy Flight</li> <li>- Faith Based</li> </ul>
<p>Taskforce Goals / Action Items</p>	<p>-Goal(s) identified thus far: Reduce drug overdoses</p> <p>-Taskforce Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify gaps in care. This could be assessed by populations that are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In-custody</li> <li>2. Not in-custody, identify recidivism rates and causes</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Select evidence-based/best practice strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Drug Treatment Courts</li> <li>-Train and mobilize recovery coaches and/or peer mentors</li> <li>-Creation of an addiction hotline</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>-Develop action plan/logic model.</p>
<p>Work Groups:</p>	<p><b>Data Work Group Members</b>  <b>Lead:</b> Jennifer Dunivent, United Memorial Medical Center</p> <p>Additional Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greg Walker, Genesee County Sheriff's</li> <li>2. Shawn Heubusch, Batavia Police Department</li> <li>3. Scott Wilson, Orleans County Sheriff's</li> <li>4. John Condidorio, Le Roy Police Department</li> <li>5. Kathy Miller, NAR-ANON/SOARS</li> <li>6. Brenden Bedard, Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments</li> <li>7. Kristine Voos, Genesee County Health Department</li> </ol> <p><b>Community Education Members</b>  <b>Lead:</b></p> <p>Additional Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shannon Ford, GCASA</li> <li>2. Sarah Stendts, Orleans United Drug Free Communities Coalition</li> <li>3. Pat Crowley, Orleans United Drug Free Communities Coalition</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. John Condidorio, Le Roy Police Department</li><li>5. Rosalie Mangino-Crandall, Insight Grants Development</li><li>6. Kim Banks, Roswell Park Cancer Institute</li><li>7. Don Snyder, Volunteer Chaplin with Orleans County Sheriff's</li><li>8. Jay Gsell, Genesee County Manager</li><li>9. Nola Goodrich-Kresse, Orleans County Health Department</li></ol> <p><b>Access to Care Members</b></p> <p><b>Lead:</b></p> <p>Additional Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Scott Wilson, Orleans County Sheriff's</li><li>2. Susan Brown, NAR-ANON/SOARS</li><li>3. Kathy Miller, NAR-ANON/SOARS</li><li>4. Colleen King, Recovery</li><li>5. Mariah Stephens, Recovery</li><li>6. Jenna Brown, Beacon Center</li><li>7. Bridget Givens, Wyoming County Community Health System (WCCHS)</li><li>8. Staci Bartz, WCCHS</li><li>9. Gail McKee, Restoration Society / Genesee ACE Employment</li><li>10. Don Snyder, Volunteer Chaplin with Orleans County Sheriff's</li></ol>
Next Steps:	<p><b>GOW Opioid Taskforce Meeting</b></p> <p>April 19, 2017</p> <p>Time: 10 – 11:30AM</p> <p>Location: Genesee Community College - Batavia Campus, Room T102, located in the Conable Technology Building</p>

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