

Ulster County Opioid Prevention Task Force
Initial Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 24, 2018 1- 4 PM
UCDOH-MH, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston

Welcome: County Executive Mike Hein - **:05 minutes/1:15 – 1:20**

A Review of the Opioid Crisis – National, State and Local – Carol Smith, MD, MPH, UC Commissioner of Health and Mental Health - **:20 minutes/1:25-1:45**

What Addiction Is (and Is Not) – J. Kurt Grovenburg, MD, Ulster County Medical Examiner - **:20 minutes/1:50-2:10**

Review of Existing Strategy in Ulster County and New Strategy and Process Going Forward – Vincent Martello, Director of Community Health Relations, UCDOH-MH - **:20 minutes/2:15 – 2:35**

Networking/Refreshment Break- **:20 minutes/2:35 – 2:55**

Workgroups - Robert Wagner- Facilitator - **:30 minutes/ 3:00 -3:30**

- Restate Goals and Timeframe for Reducing Opioid Overdoses and Fatalities
- Direct 3 Workgroups to Assigned Areas: Reduce Supply, Reduce Demand, Improve Treatment and Recovery Services

Workgroup Report Out - Each workgroup leader reports out to larger Task Force on thoughts, insights and potential areas that warrant further exploration and research - **:15 minutes/ 3:35- 3:50**

Wrap Up – Vin Martello - : **10 minutes/3:50-4:00**

- All material including intervention inventories and new ideas developed at this meeting will be posted online at:

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/health/ulster-county-opioid-prevention-task-force>

- Questions and inquiries, including requests for research assistance should be directed to:

UCopioidTaskForce@gmail.com

- **Next meeting: Thursday, July 19, from 2 to 4 PM**
Each Workgroup should be prepared to discuss/recommend a subset of potential interventions that might be included in the final action plan. The meeting will be held here in the same room and location.

Next Steps Note: After each workgroup has narrowed their selections down to 3 solid action items, the next phase of work will be in developing the recommended actions for possible implementation or enhancement here in Ulster County

Thank you. Your attendance and ongoing participation are very much appreciated!

Special thanks to our friends at ShopRite of Kingston for their generous donation of healthy snacks for today's event and to Juanita Hotchkiss and her team at Adelphi School of Social Work for their research assistance

Purpose/Structure (notes not to appear on final agenda)

To establish realistic goals for reducing opioid overdoses and fatalities in Ulster County within a reasonable time frame (1-3 years) by creating **an Action Plan**, per the steps outlined below:

- Set the goals for reducing both opioid overdoses and fatalities
- Establish ongoing meeting schedule.
- Create a baseline inventory of all existing programs and initiatives in Ulster County, as they relate to the 3 Key Components of *Reducing Supply, Reducing Demand and Improving Treatment and Recovery Services*.
- Determine which programs and initiatives, or parts thereof, in Ulster County are working well and might be enhanced and/or expanded. At the same time determine which are falling short, why and whether resources could be repurposed.
- Create a parallel inventory of best and promising practices, wherever they may exist outside of Ulster County, along with an evaluation or which might be utilized and/or customized for implementation here.
- What are the barriers to achieving better results? How can we knock them down? What resources can be leveraged? What synergies can be created between the multitude of government private sector and nonprofit organizations working in Ulster County?

Action Plan Components

Identify 3-5 action items in each of the 3 areas of Reducing Supply, Reducing Demand and Improving Treatment and Recovery Services, based on the following criteria:

- Are the Action Items realistic and achievable, within the designated time frame, *given all of the available and possible community resources* that could be brought to bear?
- If implemented would they have *a significant impact* on helping us to reduce opioid overdoses and deaths within the designated time frame.

- Are they measurable and by what standards and benchmarks?

Where do we want to be 1 month from now?

6 months from now?

1 year from now?

- **DEVELOP EACH ACTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND EXECUTION AND COMMENCE MEASUREMENT PROCESS** (adjust as necessary)