

Bristol Bay Drug & Opioid Task Force

Vision:

Bristol Bay Communities coming together to end drug & opioid abuse

Mission:

Using a holistic approach, empower individuals, families and our communities to live a drug free, healthy lifestyle



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The task force is intended to be inclusive, region-wide and focused on solutions to be outlined in a regional plan to address this complex issue.

BB Task Force Representatives:

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Tom Tilden, Chair

Bristol Bay Native Association

Lucille Johnson

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation::

Dr. Mitchell Horan & Wendi Kannenburg

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Carol Wren, Co-Chair

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Committees:

- Law
- Education
- Health
- Community
- Budget
- Organizational/Policy

Meeting dates:

February 10, 2017
May 8-9, 2017
May 18, 2017
September 26, 2017
December 19, 2017
January 30-31, 2018

Task Force Plan Priority Areas:

Community Engagement

- ***Educate & Engage Community Members***

Prevention

- ***Prevent access and any desire of community members to ever want to use drugs***

Intervention

- ***Identify and keep users safe until treatment can begin***

Treatment

- ***Provide information & awareness of treatment options***
- ***Expand treatment options for residents***

Relapse Prevention

- ***Create a network that supports a drug free lifestyle***

Resources

- ***Secure Funding/program resources to support the work of the task force***

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Accomplishments To Date:

- BB Opioid Facebook Page set up along with website information at BBNC website
- Medication Take Back Day(s)
- COPE (Community Overdose Prevention Education) Curriculum provided in DLG
- BBAHC participates in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and have a Chronic Opiate Therapy Committee that meets regularly
- Presentations for students and communities by Dr. Victor DeNoble in DLG, NAKnek King salmon to understand addictions.
- NARCAN Kits have been distributed in communities across Bristol Bay through BBAHC and Public Health



Presenter Victor Denoble
visited Bristol Bay

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Accomplishments To Date cont.:

- Task Force member helped plan and participate in the AFN Opioid Panel
- A grant was awarded to BBAHC from ANTHC to explore harm reduction efforts to offer in Bristol Bay
- Life Promotions curriculum being delivered to a variety of school students in Bristol Bay to promote healthy lifestyles
- BBAHC is offering vivitrol shots to opioid users through the hospital
- DLG Police and Public Health have done outreach to users at their home providing information on treatment and narcan kits
- Drug Disposal bags and Narcan kits provided at the BB Leadership Forum
- Community Gathering in partnership with State of Alaska Dept of Health & Social Services- Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention

Next Steps

- Secure funding for a staff position to move the priorities of the Task Force
 - Ongoing Community Education
 - Implement Youth Prevention Programs
 - Re-enstate WAANT Officer position in Bristol Bay
 - Implement a Crime Stoppers Tip Line that provides more anonymity for reporting dealers
 - Explore Peer to Peer Mentoring Program
 - Continue drug monitoring, distribution of narcarn kits, medication take back days
 - Explore use of the Bridge Device and expanded treatment options

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