



Safe Places Cincy: Implementation Update

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National State of the Crisis

- Not just heroin contributing to death. Synthetics responsible for death in Hamilton County increased 1000% percent in 5 years.
- Nearly half of opioid related overdose deaths in U.S. in 2016 were due to fentanyl (Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) research letter, 2018)

Source: www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioid

State and Local Data

- According to CDC, Ohio saw a 30.8% increase in overdose death rate from 2015-2016.
- 570 deaths in Hamilton County for 2017 as reported by Coroner, Dr. Sammarco.
- Deaths only depict a partial story (e.g., non fatal OD, families/children affected by, first responders, resources needed for treatment).

Public Health Response

- Minimize harm resulted through drug epidemic.
 - Narcan distribution, resources/education, syringe exchange.
- The Exchange Project (TEP)
 - Provides injectable drug users with clean syringes and “works” to decrease the risk of bloodborne infectious disease acquisition and transmission.
 - Partnership between HCPH and CHD.
 - Using City general funds, hired Chemical Dependency Counselor to work exchange and do outreach to educate high risk communities.

Navigation of Treatment Services

- We know treatment is beneficial in addressing substance use disorder (SUD).
- We have a great deal of treatment options in our area – but navigating those services can be daunting.
- We also know that about two thirds of overdose runs made by paramedics refuse to be transported to the emergency department – thereby refusing treatment.
- How can we capitalize on the moment when someone is ready?
- How can we serve as the link?

Safe Places Cincy

A meeting hosted by Councilwoman Amy Murray and Dr. Odell Owens invited the Manchester, NH team Fire Chief to Cincinnati to discuss the (“Safe Stations”) program.

Commissioner Moore viewed the program as a Public Health strategy, a way to connect individuals to treatment and establish a medical home.

Re-engineered Manchester Fire’s project to be a public health pilot program.

How it works

- Anyone struggling with an addiction can walk into one of seven City of Cincinnati Health Centers during business hours and we link them to treatment.
- We evaluate the person for medical clearance.
- Depending on their preference and a variety of other factors in the algorithm, a treatment provider is contacted.

How it works

- For our pilot program, we are working with three treatment partners:
 - Talbert House
 - CAT House
 - BrightView.
- We schedule an assessment with the provider.
- Uber Health, paid for by a grant from Interact from Health, will be used to help with transportation from health centers to treatment facilities.

How it works

- We wanted to build in the padding around this effort
 - We have a CDCA on board to address temporary housing issues or keeping folks engaged if their appointment isn't until the next day.
 - We have goodie bags donated from the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and Hamilton County Public Health.
 - We conducted an in-depth training for health center staff on addiction.
 - Provided Narcan training to all health center staff.

Kick Off – March 18, 2019



Status Update

- N=11 have walked in seeking help.
- n=9 have been referred to Alcohol or Drug (AOD) Treatment.
- n=2 needed services other than AOD and were referred elsewhere (1 psychiatric need; 1 needed shelter).
- n=7 that utilized Uber Health to get to the treatment.
- n=1 not medically cleared – went to ED.
- Total of 11 patients that our CHD health centers helped connect to resources!

Part of the Solution

- We are helping by being available when the individual decides they need treatment.
- We have to seize the moment this happens – fragile state of being.
- Cultural shift in our primary care sites – we address addiction just like any other chronic disease.



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