

WCA Opioid Summit January 12, 2023

Notes from Western Region Discussion:

- Clark Cty.- Committee of departments together, but no assignments or anything else at this point. Will reconvene and see what expenses each department has. Would like to combine data. Unsure who should be the oversight committee. Financial from courthouse initiated the meetings, but unsure who should be leading. Securitization was chosen.
- Eau Claire Cty.- Cty. Board Resolution passed to create a group. Group has met one time. They have some money at the county. They have \$530,000 right now. The committee is called an Opioid Task Committee that includes staff, county supervisors, and people with lived experience. They would like to get opinions from the public. They are going to start reviewing the rules. Their Dep. Director will likely lead the group. He is confused on who the funds can be used on. Thinks that the most flexible category is pregnant women as it says they just need to be "at risk for use." Working with Public Health to address the waste disposable issue due to needs in parks, sewers, etc. Once the county board passed the resolution, they issued a public notice requesting for application. They have a person who has had an addiction. Securitization chosen.
- Chippewa Cty.- They don't know the plan. There is a committee, but he is not on the committee. The person leading is Rose from the CJCC. Unsure if they securitized.
- Jackson Cty.- Financial is leading the group. Various departments represented, including DHHS, Sheriff's Dept., County Board Chairman. Chose not to do the securitization.
- Dunn Cty.- County Manager assigned DHHS Director to facilitate a group of dept. heads to organize and then it will go to the Exec. Committee likely. Met 4 or 5 times so far to discuss recommendations, have had presenters, etc. Unsure if they did securitization.
- St. Croix Cty.- No decision made on funds yet. No committee yet. Very early on in the process. She is in Public Health, but it is a part of DHHS. Unsure if they securitized.
- Buffalo Cty.- No committee. Unsure if they did securitization. Justice and Public Health represented here.
- Joint efforts with neighboring counties?
 - No one has as everyone is just starting out.

- Anything doing to prevent new opioid users?
 - Eau Claire Cty.- Naloxone, ensuring treatment doesn't stop if they go to jail
 - Clark Cty.- Medication lock boxes
 - Jackson Cty. - Narcan, fentanyl, lock boxes, deactivation kits.
 - Dunn Cty.- MAT of jail, following up after they are out of jail
 - Fentanyl Test Strips- Hesitant to hand out due to the roll out. Rock Cty. and Greenfield have vending machines. Dunn Cty. Public Health is distributing.

- What are counties doing to support persons after treatment to avoid relapse?
 - Dunn- Started Quick Response Team. Go out and meet with people after an overdose to try prevent further relapse.
 - Jackson- Peer support and CCS

- Discuss possible areas of collaboration or regionalized efforts that may be possible even if they aren't probable.
 - Dunn Cty.- OFR team and looking at combining with other counties.
 - Research and evidence show that everyone should be doing MAT. Could we collaborate more on MAT?
 - Clark Cty.- Need more access to services. Don't have MAT providers, would like at least help with transportation to get people to MAT options. What a mobile MAT service?