

Access to Treatment Committee

Priorities

- Increase appropriate use of suboxone among providers.
1. Identify trained & waived providers who are not prescribing.
 2. Identify barriers.
 3. Work with health systems to encourage PCPs to prescribe MAT.
 4. Develop map to highlight geographic gaps.
- Define, promote and fund effective care navigator model.

Co-Chairs

Dr. Paul LaKosky, Tacoma Needle Exchange
Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Committee Members

Northwest Integrated Health	Tacoma Fire Department
Community Health Care	Health Dept Assessment Office
SeaMar	Health Dept peer counselor
MultiCare Health System	CHI Franciscan
Pierce County ACH	Parents with lived experience
Pierce County Council	Northwest Physicians Network
WA DSHS DBHR	Pierce Co. Recovery Coalition
Metropolitan Dev Council	MCOs



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Work to Date

- Engaged health care systems in adopting SBIRT and MAT.
- Significant breakthroughs in access.
 - CHC commitment to training and providing MAT.
 - TPCHD, TNE, UW MedsFirst low barrier bupe.
- Committee greatly expanded since last year; revised its role and function.
- Implemented and adjusted action plan.
- Cultivating a learning community.

Lessons Learned

- Stigma towards MAT is an issue for providers and public.
- Providers perceive many barriers to prescribing...but mentors and a learning community help.
- Finding which providers prescribe MAT is a challenge.
- Care navigators and nurse care manager models increase treatment success...but funding is an issue.
- Work both with providers and those who can make systemwide, structural changes.



Right Services, Right Time Committee

Priorities

1. Develop a clear intake tool for first responders & law enforcement to assess readiness for opioid use disorder treatment and where to take people.
2. Increase awareness of the District Court's Resource Center.
3. Support partners' efforts to provide diversion programs.
 - a. City of Tacoma's Safe Stations pilot project.
 - b. Tacoma Fire Dept (TFD) Cares program and community paramedicine programs among other EMS/fire agencies.
 - c. TFD's Homeless Outreach Team.

Co-Chairs

Mike Newhouse, Tacoma Fire Department
Dominique Hardeman, Pierce County District Court

Committee Members

West Pierce EMS	Pierce County Council
Central Pierce Fire	Pierce County District Court
Tacoma Fire Dept.	Pierce Co. Human Services
Coordinated Care	Pierce Co. Prosecutors Office
Metropolitan Devlpmnt. Council	Pierce Co. Assigned Council
City of Puyallup	Pierce County Sheriffs Dept.
Tacoma-Pierce Co. Health Dept.	City of Tacoma
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	Tacoma City Council
Parents with lived experience	



Right Services, Right Time Committee

2019 Accomplishments

- Safe Stations pilot in Tacoma.
- Tacoma Fire Dept. CARES.
- District Court Resource Center expansions.
- Actively looking for partners in a transportation project.

Lessons Learned

- Stakeholders agreed transportation needs exist.
- Difficulty in getting partners. Risk and liability were frequent concerns.

Needs for 2020

- Partnerships and resources for transportation project!



Prevention & Education Committee

Priorities

1. Implement/expand evidence-based health-risk behavior (including substance abuse) school programs.
2. Conduct education, outreach, and social marketing to parents and community members to create positive norms and behaviors for youth.
3. Utilize peer/recovery coaches for youth that are using opioids and/or other drugs.
4. Pilot evidence-based screening and referral program at a local high school.
5. Increase acceptance of substance use disorder as a disease that can be managed via education, outreach and social marketing.

Co-Chairs

Kim Beeson, Puget Sound Educational Service District
Tutrecia Baker, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Committee Members

Puget Sound Educational Service District	Safe Streets
Korean Women's Association	Pierce County
Coordinated Care	Pierce County ACH
Washington State Department of Health	Not One More
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	Sea- Mar CHC
Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound	First 5 Fundamentals
Pierce County Sheriff Department	City of Tacoma
Children's Home Society of Washington	



Prevention & Education Committee

2019 Accomplishments

1. Assessment of school curriculums.
2. Analysis of assessment data by John Hopkins. Recommendation report.
3. State Opioid Response Grant-Safe Streets.
4. Opioid Town Hall Meeting-Safe Streets.
5. Educating/advocating for school-based screen and referral.

Lessons Learned

- Social emotional learning.
- John Hopkins University report recommended grade level skills, partnerships and curriculum.
- More input from educators/stakeholder.

Needs for 2020

- Funding for prevention social marketing campaign.
- Champions/funding for school-based screen and referral pilot.



Pierce County SBIRT Training

- Incorporates recent SAMHSA recommendations for opioid screening.
- Includes motivational interviewing.
- Roadmap for 2019-21.
- Reduces stigma.

