



# WAUKESHA COUNTY HEROIN TASK FORCE

WORKING TOGETHER  
to break the cycle of substance use  
through community action & hope!

# 2023

# Accomplishments

## QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PARTNER MEETINGS

Click each arrow for detailed information on the quarterly meetings.

**MARCH**

**65**

PARTICIPANTS

Action Team Brainstorming and also featured Guest Speaker: Dr. Nicole Mattson from Marquette University. Dr. Mattson shared a research presentation focused on Reimagining the Perinatal Period for Mother-Infant Pairs Impacted by Opioid Use Disorder.

**JUNE**

**48**

PARTICIPANTS

Waukesha County Drug Task Force presented on drug trends impacting Waukesha County.

**SEPTEMBER**

**45**

PARTICIPANTS

Featured Guest Speaker Rachael Cooper from Shatterproof who presented on Addiction Stigma. HTF partners participated in a survey to measure the level of stigma awareness in the coalition. Small group discussions identified opportunities for action to reduce stigma.

**DECEMBER**

**42**

PARTICIPANTS

HTF Community Partners engaged in discussions to build partnerships and relationships as well as an intentional focus on the work of the HTF action teams.

### 2023 HTF Community Coalition Wins



#### LEVERAGING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Over 235 Community Partners are connected to the coalition and collaborating to improve outcomes through the work of the four action teams and quarterly meetings.



#### COORDINATED ACTION & RESOURCES

County Executive Paul Farrow provided quarterly updates on county efforts battling the opioid crisis.

Several members from the HTF will be serving on the Overdose Fatality Review Process (OFR) launching in early 2024.



#### 2023 ACTION PLANNING

Trained Chairs & Launched Key Action Teams:

- Stigma Reduction
- Support Recovery
- CHIP Substance Use
- Metrics & Measurements (Data Team)



#### HONORABLE MENTIONS

HTF Website continues to support Community Partners and their clients.

Active Member of the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth (AWY) Coalition.

To learn more, please visit our website at [www.wchtf.org](http://www.wchtf.org)

# 2023

## HTF Action Team Accomplishments

The HTF Action Teams are dedicated to addressing challenges that span across different sectors and partners. Their primary goal is to tackle projects that have cross-sector implications. The four HTF Action teams were launched in spring 2023 and will continue their work through the end of 2024.

ACTION TEAM & FOCUS AREA	KEY INITIATIVES	PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 <h3>STIGMA REDUCTION</h3> <p>The focus of the <a href="#">Stigma Reduction Action Team</a> is to reduce stigma associated with drug and alcohol use and addiction. Please click below to read our code of ethics on stigma reduction:</p>  	<p>Promote and educate teams on stigma reduction strategies in key sectors including healthcare, law enforcement, and education.</p> <p>Guide HTF speakers and others in the community to examine presentations through a lens that promotes compassion and understanding for people suffering from substance use disorder.</p>	<p>Created Code of Ethics focused on Stigma Reduction for guest speakers presenting to the HTF.</p> <p>Engaged law enforcement leaders in key discussions about person first language and stigma reduction strategies.</p> <p>Hosted guest speaker: National Stigma Reduction expert, Rachael Cooper.</p> <p>HTF partners participated in a survey to gauge awareness levels on Stigma.</p>
 <h3>SUPPORT RECOVERY</h3> <p>The focus of the <a href="#">Support Recovery Action Team</a> is to provide recovery support for both individuals and their families battling substance use disorder.</p>	<p>Transition support during and after incarceration.</p> <p>Ensuring individuals with a substance use disorder have access to life skills training programs.</p> <p>Continuing to improve access to life saving harm reduction strategies.</p>	<p>Created a community partners collaborative <a href="#">Community Resource Guide</a>.</p> <p>Conducting focus groups with those in recovery to identify needs.</p> <p>Working with Waukesha County HHS leadership and supporting their work with the jail system.</p>
 <h3>METRICS &amp; MEASUREMENT</h3> <p>The focus of the <a href="#">M &amp; M Action Team</a> is to improve data literacy among HTF community partners, standardize metrics for the work of the action teams, and support the action teams by seeking relevant data.</p>	<p>Assist HTF members in accessing reliable and timely county level substance use data.</p> <p>Educate HTF members to understand the basic foundations of data analysis.</p> <p>Support all of the HTF Action Teams to ensure they have meaningful indicators and data to support their action plans.</p>	<p>Provided data literacy training to the HTF membership.</p> <p>Continue to meet with all action teams to assist with data needs and help teams focus their efforts on meaningful initiatives.</p> <p>Developed and distributed a survey to analyze the data literacy level of HTF partners in order to better understand future educational needs.</p>
 <h3>CHIP SUBSTANCE USE</h3> <p>Working in collaboration with the Waukesha County Public Health Department, the <a href="#">CHIP Substance Use Action Team</a> is examining opportunities to support system level changes.</p>	<p>Reducing the number of opioid related deaths for Waukesha county residents 18-44 years old by ensuring access to life saving interventions including access to Certified Peer Specialists.</p> <p>Examining access to stable housing for people with substance use disorder.</p>	<p>This team is currently developing their action plans that will officially launch in early 2024.</p>