
Heroin Task Force Quarterly Community Partners Meeting

Tuesday , June 13, 2023
2:30-4:30 p.m.



Heroin Task Force Virtual Community Partners Meeting

Executive Summary

June 13, 2023



[Click here to view a video of the first half of the HTF Meeting](#)

If you are interested in joining an action team or getting more involved, please contact the Action Team Chairs or Tristin Bruno, at tbruno@waukeshacounty.gov.

Background

Approximately 52 community members participated in an interactive 2-hour virtual community gathering. The meeting included the following:

1. **Opening:** Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow shared his gratitude to the team. He also shared areas where the county is putting focus to fight the opioid crisis. Check out the [Waukesha County Overdose Prevention site](#).
2. **Our Agency Spotlight** was [Wisconsin Voices for Recovery!](#) Cindy Burzinski, Executive Director and Fred Garcia, Justice supervisor for Waukesha County and advisory council member for Wisconsin Voices for Recovery shared the mission of the organization and future opportunities.
3. The HTF formally launched our new website! [Click here to check it out!](#) www.wchtf.org. Special thanks to our partner agency Elevate for hosting the site!
4. **2023 HTF Action Teams:** Each of the HTF Action Teams provided an update to the group. The Metrics and Measurements team shared a presentation with information on articles and how they are supporting the other action teams. [Click here to access the Metrics and Measurements presentation](#).
5. **Today's presenters** featured Lt. Tyler Loftus and Detective Jack Kopatich from the Waukesha County Drug Task Force (formerly the Waukesha County Metro Drug Enforcement Unit) who presented on drug trends impacting our community. *NOTE: We were not able to record this presentation nor provide the slide deck for general distribution per our presenter's request.*
6. **Small Group Work:** After the presentation, members of the task force broke up into small groups to document drug trends they are seeing from their sector's perspective ([documented on slides 19-25](#)).

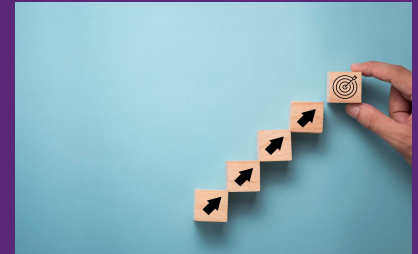
WELCOME

HTF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Larry Nelson, HTF Co-Chair

Goals for today

- Continue to grow HTF Community Partners Network
- Provide a networking opportunity for HTF Community Partners
- Highlight an HTF Community Partner Agency
- Official launch of the HTF Website!
- Share partner updates
- Hear from our 2023 HTF Action Teams
- Lt. Loftus and Detective Jack Kopatich will be presenting on *the current drug trends that are impacting our community.*



Agenda

2:30-2:55: Welcome, County Executive Paul Farrow, & Agency Spotlight

2:55-3:05: New website & Update on the OFR

3:05-3:20: Action Team Updates

3:20-3:25: HTF Community Partner Agency Announcements (opportunity to share!)

3:25-3:30: SHORT BREAK

3:30-4:10: Please welcome special guests: Lt. Loftus and Detective Jack Kopatich

4:10-4:25: Small group discussion on drug trends you are seeing

4:25-4:30 Final Reflection



Focus Question for our quarterly HTF Community Partners Meeting

*What are the current drug trends
impacting our community?*

Welcome County Executive Paul Farrow

- Update on Waukesha County's efforts to battle the opioid crisis
- Updated information (numbers) from the Medical Examiner's Office ([click here for the link](#))
- Waukesha County Overdose Dashboard ([click here for the link](#))





2012 - 2022 Deaths by Manner, Age and Gender

Year	Total number Drug Related Deaths	Accident	Suicide	Undetermined	Homicide	Gender Male ; Female	Age Range	Avg. Age
2012	59	49	7	3		39 M ; 20 F	20 - 82 yrs	41 yrs
2013	39	33	5	1		23 M ; 16 F	19 - 87 yrs	44 yrs
2014	50	40	5	5		33 M; 17 F	12 - 64 yrs	37 yrs
2015	49	39	7	3		26M; 23 F	20 - 94 yrs	43 yrs
2016	62	53	6	3		47 M; 15 F	15 - 88 yrs	39 yrs
2017	76	61	14	1		52 M; 24 F	18 - 79 yrs	41 yrs
2018	67	55	8	4		40 M; 27 F	17 - 92 yrs	42 yrs
2019	54	48	5	1		32 M; 22 F	16 - 91 yrs	45 yrs
2020	95	87	5	3		58 M; 37 F	1 - 94 yrs	47 yrs
2021	105	99	3	2	1	63 M; 42F	19 - 69 yrs	40 yrs
2022 (to date)	58	50	7	1	-	40 M; 18 F	15 - 82 yrs	

2012 - 2022 Deaths by Type of Substances Identified

Year	Drug Related Deaths	Total Heroin-related (alone or in combination)	Opioid Medications (alone or in combination)	Non-prescription synthetic Opioids alone	Fentanyl and its Analogs (no Heroin present)	Novel Psychoactive Substances (no heroin or fentanyl present)	Other Drugs or Medications
2012	59	21	27/1*				10
2013	39	11	23**				5
2014	50	15	29				6
2015	49	20	23**				6
2016	62	24 (4 w/Fentanyl or its analogs)	18**/1*	1 (U47700)	11		7
2017	76	37 (15 w/Fentanyl)	20/1**	-	6		12
2018	67	26 (12 w/Fentanyl) ^	14*/1**	-	16		10
2019	54	15 (10 w/Fentanyl) ^	8	-	25^		6
2020	95	23 (19 w/Fentanyl)	11	-	44	3	14
2021	105	13 (12 w/Fentanyl)	11	-	72	1	8
2022 (to date)	58	4 (all w/Fentanyl)	8	-	31	-	15

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT



- Cindy Burzinski, Executive Director
- Fred Garcia, Justice supervisor for Waukesha County and advisory council member for Wisconsin Voices for Recovery

Please welcome



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE HTF WEBSITE

<https://elevateyou.org/waukesha-heroin-task-force>

Special thanks to our community partner Elevate for hosting the HTF website!
Mary Simon has been extremely gracious in keeping this website updated with current information.

We appreciate you!

**BRIEF UPDATE ON THE
WORK OF THE
OVERDOSE FATALITY
REVIEW (OFR)
RE-LAUNCH**

2023 Action Teams



Brief Verbal Updates from our Action Teams
Today: Focus on the work of the Metrics & Measurements Team

2023 Action Teams

1. Stigma Reduction Action Team

- a. *Reduce stigma and build understanding of substance use disorder & harm reduction strategies*
- b. *Create a shared common message*

2. Support Recovery Action Team

- a. *Provide recovery support for individuals & families*

3. CHIP Substance Use Action Team (CHIP= Community Health Improvement Plan)

- a. *Identify opportunities to improve policies in upstream work to support system level changes*

4. Metrics & Measurements Action Team

- a. *Create a common set of metrics and data for the coalition*
- b. *Support action teams with data needs*

We are grateful to our Team Chairs!

- **Stigma Reduction Action Team**

- *Colleen Allen, ProHealth Care*
- *Joy Evans, Elevate*
- *Jacob Jansen, Turning the Page, LLC*

- **Support Recovery Action Team**

- *James Hishmeh, Rogers Memorial*
- *Susie Austin, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)*
- *Amanda DeLeon, Community Medical Services (CMS)*

- **CHIP Substance Use Action Team (CHIP= Community Health Improvement Plan)**

- *Hailey Nenonen, Aurora Advocate Health Care*
- *Sara Carpenter, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)*
- *Brea Lopez, Waukesha County HHS*

- **Metrics & Measurements Action Team**

- *Felicia Behnke-Shaw, Waukesha County HHS*
- *Frances Thomas, Waukesha County HHS*

Verbal Action Team Updates

Action Team Chairs

- Please share your progress to date
- One “win” at this point!
- Are you looking for any skill sets to round out your team?

HTF Community Partners

What advice (if any) might you have for this team?

Please use the “chat” feature and/or raise your hand to share.



AGENCY OR PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have something to share
with the full group?

Raise your hand and share!



1. [Silent Killer- Fentanyl Epidemic in Wisconsin](#) (by Dale Knapp with Forward Analytics).
2. Wisconsin Harm Reduction Conference
 - a. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/harm-reduction-conference.htm>
 - b. June 28-29, 2023
 - c. Green Bay and virtual
3. [Wisconsin Substance Use Prevention Conference](#)
 - a. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/harm-reduction-conference.htm>
 - b. September 13-14, 2023
 - c. Wisconsin Dells and virtual

An Update on Drug Trends Impacting our Community

NOTE: *We will not be able to record this presentation nor can we provide the slide deck for general distribution due to a concern that this information could be taken out of context and misinterpreted. We invite you to take notes on this information during the presentation.*

Welcome Lt. Tyler Loftus and Detective Jack Kopatich from the
Waukesha County Drug Task Force
(formerly the Waukesha County Metro Drug Enforcement Unit)



Small Group Discussion

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Small Group Brainstorming

1. You will automatically be put into a breakout room.
2. There will be a designated “scribe” who will share their screen and take notes. They may do a little “light facilitation”.
3. Speed introductions! Fast!
4. Take a few moments to ponder the small group discussion question and begin sharing your experiences.
5. Select a timekeeper! You will only have 10 minutes in the breakout room.

From your perspective (and/or sector), what drug trends are you seeing that are impacting our community?

Breakout Room 1- Tristin Bruno

- Fentanyl continues to be a problem
- Some people are actually seeking out fentanyl (instead of trying to avoid)
- Ignorance around coming into contact with fentanyl (from youth)
- Less heroin, more fentanyl contained in purchased drugs - people unaware
- Any pill that is not from a pharmacy is a roll of the dice
- Still a handful of vape users at local colleges, not much attempt to hide - high school (especially junior/senior are more exposed)
- Trafficking pipeline (vape/tobacco shops) from MKE County to Waukesha County - typically older individuals that can bring to younger peers
- Perception: we are not reaching the *users* of non-prescription drugs - haven't tapped into the right audience
 - People who are not users are more scared
- Good target audience: people on the fringe of use (vape tobacco/marijuana, etc.)
- People looking for adderall, benzos, etc. may be exposed to Fentanyl accidentally
- Focus on uninsured/uninsured

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Breakout Room 2- Mary Simon

- Urine drug screens are showing fentanyl with cocaine, crack, methamphetamine
- According to dealers they know they might be selling it but they aren't worried if buyers will die as "there will always be more"
- Fentanyl pretty much across the board. Less than 10% of positive drug tests are pure heroin-with no fentanyl. Otherwise all fentanyl
- No xylazine wounds seen
- Purchasing methamphetamine but clinics not seeing it as much

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Breakout Room 3- Felicia Behnke Shaw

- Cocaine with Fentanyl in it
- Information receiving through MEs fatal Overdoses increasing due to fentanyl
- What is next? Abilities with labs and manufacturing things, how do you know what is next?
- Fake Pill labs
- How do we address the crisis?
- Individuals believing they are using something that else then what they are actually using
- Systems being impacted EX: Treatment, ERs, etc.
- Analogs of designer opioids and Xylazine etc
- Systems were never meant to sustain this crisis
- There was success on reduction in overdose death prior to covid

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Breakout Room 4- Rebecca Luczaj

- 1st Drug Court participant recently tested positive for Xylazine, so it is definitely here in Waukesha County
- We are seeing more meth, fentanyl, and cocaine in Drug Court (not much Heroin anymore)
- Hebron House has been seeing more overdoses (not sure from which drugs, as they let law enforcement handle that)
- All shelter staff carry Naloxone on their person
- WCS has 2 Nalox boxes available at their office that they get from WI Voices for Recovery, who also refills them regularly
- WCS also has Fentanyl test strips available at their offices
- WCS promotes the Never Use Alone campaign

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Breakout Room 5- Terri Phillips

- Mostly marijuana use with young people; high levels of THC and vaping; challenge for young people we work with
- “Opposite of prevention”... supply is going up and the perception of “harm” is going down... just the opposite of prevention (edibles/vapes, etc.)
- We have already seen xylazine... added to drug testing with lab that clinic works with
- Overdose deaths doubled; fentanyl deaths tripled, and heroin deaths went down
- Hardly any heroin; all fentanyl, methamphetamine use; and adolescents with fentanyl use as well
- Stood out from presentation: Guns and Drugs hand in hand
- Need to continue doing a better job helping; folks coming into the hospital with substance use and better train the staff to recognize that. There is a concern with older adults misusing RX (concern is the unintended use of RX)
- Expressed some concern... staff in field... should they be carrying narcan?

NEXT STEPS

Mary Simon



- ✓ Summary slide deck and recording will be sent out in the next week or so!
- ✓ Action teams will continue their work.
- ✓ We will continue to provide periodic email updates with information
- ✓ 2023 HTF Community Gatherings (2:30-4:30)
 - Tuesday September 12th
 - Tuesday December 5th