

March 12, 2024 Community Partners Meeting

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



Executive Summary



Over 48 HTF community partners participated in the March 12, 2024 meeting. **Key highlights include:**

1. Dr. Leon Sawh, from UW-Milwaukee shared his research concept and encouraged participation from the community partners. [See slides 10-13.](#)
2. HTF updates include: [HTF 2023 Accomplishments](#) document available for sharing
3. Partner Spotlight: Community Medical Services (CMS). [See slides 15-23.](#)
4. Small group discussions and further conversations about how the HTF can improve collaborative efforts. [See slides 24-28.](#)
5. Stephanie Engle provided a verbal update on the OFR (held their first case review on March 21st).
6. The Metrics & Measurements Team shared the results of the HTF Data Literacy Quiz. [See slides 30-36.](#) This information is also available on the HTF website: [Data Literacy Results.](#)
7. The CHIP Action Teams presented their strategies that are being deployed during 2024, 2025, and 2026. Several strategies will intersect and be coordinated with the work of the HTF.
8. The next HTF Community Partner Meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Waukesha County Business Alliance on Tuesday June 11th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. More to come!

WELCOME HTF COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Larry Nelson, HTF Co-Chair

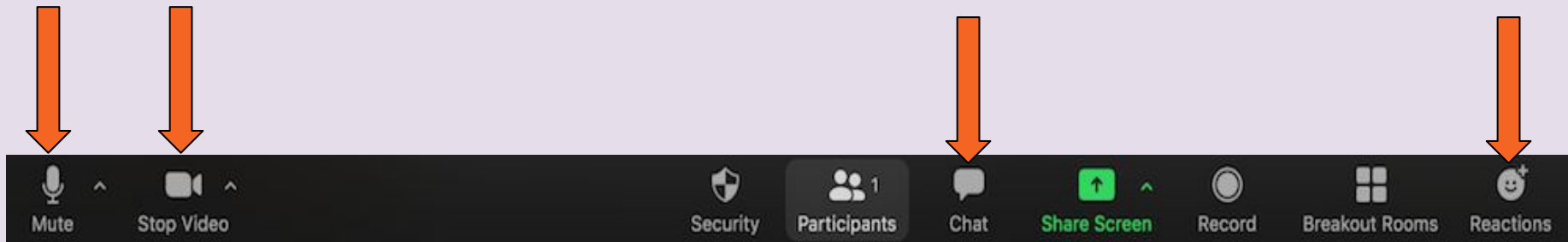
June 11, 2024 HTF Community Partners Meeting

- Location: Waukesha County Business Alliance, Chortek Training Center
- Networking: 2:00-2:30
- Meeting Time: 2:30-4:30



Important Zoom Tools for Today

- At bottom of Zoom screen find and open Chat box (you may have to click “...” for more options to find Chat).
- Reaction Icon- Please use the hand raise feature so you will “pop” to the top of our screen!



Virtual Meeting Guidelines



Use the “hand raise” feature to ask a question



Mute your mic when not speaking to reduce background noise



Turn off other devices to reduce distraction



Be fully present while also taking care of your needs



Be mindful of your “airtime”



Complete your thought with, “I’m finished” or “That’s it”

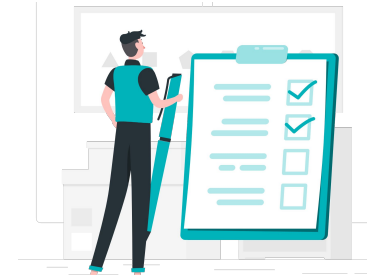


- Provide a networking opportunity
- Become familiar with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) & opportunities for engagement
- Learn about a grant opportunity to support community partners working on the CHIP
- Highlight the work of our action teams

2:30-3:00	Welcome, County Executive Paul Farrow, & Agency Spotlight
3:00-3:20	HTF Partner Networking: Small Group Discussions
3:20-3:25	Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Update
3:25-3:30	Short Stretch Break
3:30-3:40	Data Team
3:40-4:10	CHIP
4:10-4:20	ARPA Grant Funding
4:20-4:25	Brief Action Team updates
4:25-4:30	Community Partner Updates
4:30	Official close to the meeting



Agenda





County Executive Paul Farrow



Please welcome Dr. Leon Sawh,
from UW-Milwaukee!



UWM Youth Caregiver Opioid Use Disorder Project



Purpose

- We are interested in learning about the experiences of youth caregivers, children/youth aged 10 - 18 who help provide care for a person with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).
- We would like to connect with organizations that work with youth caregivers for family members with OUD to discuss potential community-university partnerships and collaborative opportunities that would investigate the following research question, *How OUD has affected young people and their role as caregivers?*
- The team hopes to work with the community to conduct research that would ultimately lead to future interventions and resources for this population.

Potential short-, medium- and long-term outcomes

- (short-term outcome) Establish an ongoing Community Advisory Board consisting of experts and those who have been directly impacted by this issue to help inform the development of this study.
- (medium-term outcome) Obtain funding to conduct a study consisting of a series of interviews with youth caregivers who care for family members with OUD, family members with OUD, and experts who work regularly with this population.
- (long-term outcome) Develop interventions and provide resources on youth caregiving for family members with OUD.

UWM Youth Caregiver Opioid Use Disorder Project



Contact Dr. Sawh!

If you are interested in participating in the Community Advisory Board or know of someone who would be a good fit, please contact:

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HTF Updates



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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.

To learn more, please visit our website at www.wchtf.org

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 Oversedose Fatality Review Process (OFR) launching in early 2024.

2023 ACTION PLANNING

Trained Chairs & Launched Key Action Teams:

- Sigma 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.

Continue to share
the
HTF Website:
www.wchtf.org

Mary Simon's
interview re: HTF

Paul Farrow
County Executive



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Elizabeth Aldred
Director
Lisa Roberts
Deputy Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

WAUKESHA COUNTY HEROIN TASK FORCE MAKING STRIDES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN 2023

(Waukesha, WI) – The Waukesha County Heroin Task Force (HTF) is proud to announce significant progress in its ongoing battle against substance use disorder, fostering collective impact and hope throughout the community in 2023. These efforts are highlighted by a substantial decrease in overdose deaths. According to recent data, drug overdose deaths in Waukesha County decreased by more than 19% from 2021 to 2022.

"We owe our progress to the dedication and collaboration of our community partners," HTF Co-Chair, and Executive Director of Elevate, Mary Simon said. "Together, we are working tirelessly to make Waukesha County a healthier place to live and work. These achievements underscore our shared commitment to addressing substance use disorder and fostering a supportive environment for all."

Throughout the year, the HTF engaged with more than 235 community partners, holding four community partner meetings to address critical issues surrounding substance use disorder. These gatherings facilitated discussions on current research regarding pregnant women impacted by opioid use disorder, insights on drug trends from the Waukesha County Drug Task Force, and conversations on addiction stigma and its reduction in Waukesha County.

Key Accomplishments in 2023:

- Engaged in discussions with law enforcement leaders about person-first language and effective stigma reduction strategies.
- Created a Community Resource Guide to provide a one stop shop for people to find resources in Waukesha County.
- Collaborated with Waukesha County leadership to support the implementation of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in the county jail.
- Provided data literacy training for community partners so they can better understand and act on local and national data trends.
- Began work to address the need for stable housing for people with substance use disorder.

To learn more or sign up for the email list, visit www.wchtf.org.

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AGENCY SPOTLIGHT



**Amanda De Leon,
Community Impact Manager,
Community Medical Services
(CMS)**



Community Medical Services

Amanda M. De Leon
Community Impact Manager



Our Mission

Our mission is to help those who are suffering from substance use disorders. We consider these people our patients, and our singular aim is to help them heal. We're proud that our clinics provide our patients an environment that is free of judgment and condescension and we're steadfast in treating everyone with the utmost dignity and respect.



Our Vision

Leading the change to eliminate the consequences of substance use disorder in our communities.



Our Values

We see challenges as opportunities to demonstrate initiative.

We listen to and honor the reality of those we serve.

We are evangelists for practices grounded in science and evidence.

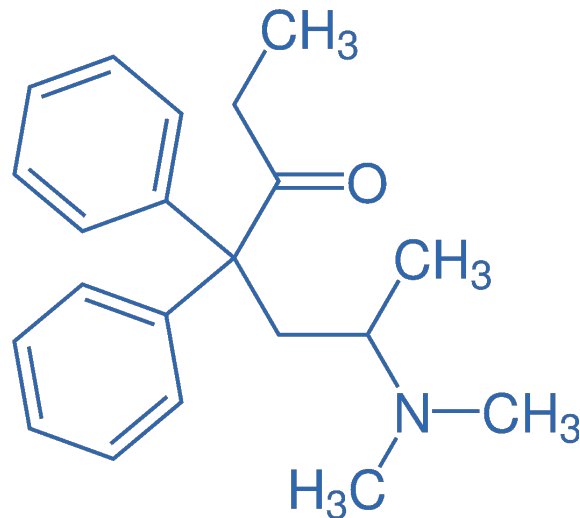
We value people who are passionate about making an impact.

Who are we

- We are an On Demand Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)
- Located:
 - 1611 Silvernail Rd, Pewaukee WI 53072
 - 262-304-0150
- We provide counseling and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
- We offer all three FDA approved medications
 - Methadone
 - Buprenorphine
 - Vivtrol

Hours of Operation

- We are open 7 days a week
- Open House Every Tuesday 12p-1pm
- Admissions:
 - Monday – Friday: 5am-12pm
- Dosing Hours:
 - Monday – Friday: 5am – 12pm
 - Saturday and Sunday: 6am – 10am



Challenges

1

Not being able to connect with the social workers in the emergency rooms. This connection will provide vital care to those they encounter with OUD.

2

Individuals possibly not receiving medications while incarcerated or in residential treatment.

3

Not enough housing resources for our individuals who want to leave their current living environments.

Great Story!

Due to our partnership with the County Jails



An individual was transferred from Milwaukee CRC to Huber in Waukesha. We provide telehealth support (counseling and peer support), to individuals while they are at MCJ and CRC.



When that individual was transferred to Waukesha Huber, they came to us for continuation of medication. That individual was greeted by the same counselor they had while at CRC.



The individual was beyond grateful for this smooth transition and the support he received by the team at Pewaukee.

Community Support



“We saw a **Record drop** in fatal and non-fatal overdoses in the **City of West Allis**, that would not be possible without CMS” -Deputy Chief Suarez De Real



THANK YOU!

Amanda M. De Leon, CSAC, CS-IT

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communitymedicalservices.org

HTF Partner Networking



**Reviewing data from
December 5th:
What is your “why”?**

HTF Partner Networking: What is your why?



Making a Difference

- Make a difference in the community
- It's never too late to help change a life
- Think we can actually make a difference
- Because every day I get to see broken lives renewed and transformed!
- Recovery for everyone
- Making people's lives better & ultimately saving lives
- For family. For friends. For my community
- Stay connected to important community issues
- Filling other people's cup fills my own cup

Personal Experience

- Family members and friends that have struggled with opioid addiction
- Family members in recovery
- Had a friend pass away from an overdose
- In long term recovery
- Long term recovery, doing what was done for me!
- I have lived experience and want to make a difference and help others.
- As someone who struggled with heroin addiction and whose use took part largely in Waukesha county, it's a passion for me to be able to help provide resources and help to those struggling the way I once was.

Reduce Stigma/Access to Resources

- Being able to help people who's stigma in the community makes them the least likely to get the help that they need.
- Want to break stigma through human connection and education
- I'd hate to hear someone who lost someone to an overdose say "I wish I knew that service was available in our community."

Professional Interest

- Working with clients in my early social work years in CPS opened my eyes to others' struggles and shattered the stereotypes. I want to continue to advocate and help!
- My career in MH/Substance Use treatment, want to be part of the solution

Focus on Youth/Children

- To keep children safe
- Students who had family members with addiction or they had issues.
- To improve outcomes for moms and babies impacted by OUD.
- The youth that I serve. Making a difference in their lives will impact the future.

HTF Partner Networking: What is your why?



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HTF Partner Networking



Individual Consideration

Where do you see yourself in these categories?

- Making a difference
- Personal Experience
- Reduce Stigma
- Access to Resources
- Professional Interest
- Focus on Youth/Children

HTF Partner Networking



Instructions:

- 10 minute breakout rooms
- Introduce yourself, organization, & share the answer to the prompt question
- Using a product called Padlet to capture your small group responses
- Find your breakout room number and use the + sign to add your ideas

Small Group Discussion

How can we enhance our collaborative efforts to better align your personal "why" with the mission of the HTF?
What suggestions might you have?

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Collaborative Approaches and Partnerships

- Creating partnerships to connect people to the services they need.
- Utilizing opioid settlement funding creatively and effectively.
- Exploring the ability to share data between organizations.
- Tying together the resources of many individual agencies involved with the HTF.
- "Grow our table" and use coalitions to address strategies and tactics collectively.
- Collaborative strategies to fund work related to addressing substance use disorders (SUDs).
- Conscious expansion of efforts to tackle larger problems.

Community Engagement & Increase Awareness

- Speak with the community to understand their needs better, possibly through surveys.
- More success stories to inspire and encourage individuals.
- Increase awareness and education for older adults on opioids.
- Power of storytelling in recovery to leverage partnerships.
- Continuing to work on communication and resource awareness.
- Extending invitations to businesses not normally involved in substance use work.

Resources & Support Services

- Providing resources for mothers-to-be who are struggling with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).
- Funding for all three FDA medications for Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).
- Peer-run recovery center where people needing support can drop in.
- Ensuring access to treatment without needing to "qualify" or be "sick enough".
- Increasing knowledge on accessing resources.
- Providing spaces where individuals with SUDs can share without shame.
- Awareness and collaboration around drug-endangered children.

Advocacy & Policy Change

- Collaborative efforts to advocate for policy changes.
- Aligning recommendations from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to advocate and change policy.
- Establishing a court for county-involved families to provide additional support.

Welcome Stephanie Engle

Update on Waukesha County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Process





Metrics & Measurements Team

Frances & Felicia

What's Your Data Persona?

HTF Data Literacy Quiz



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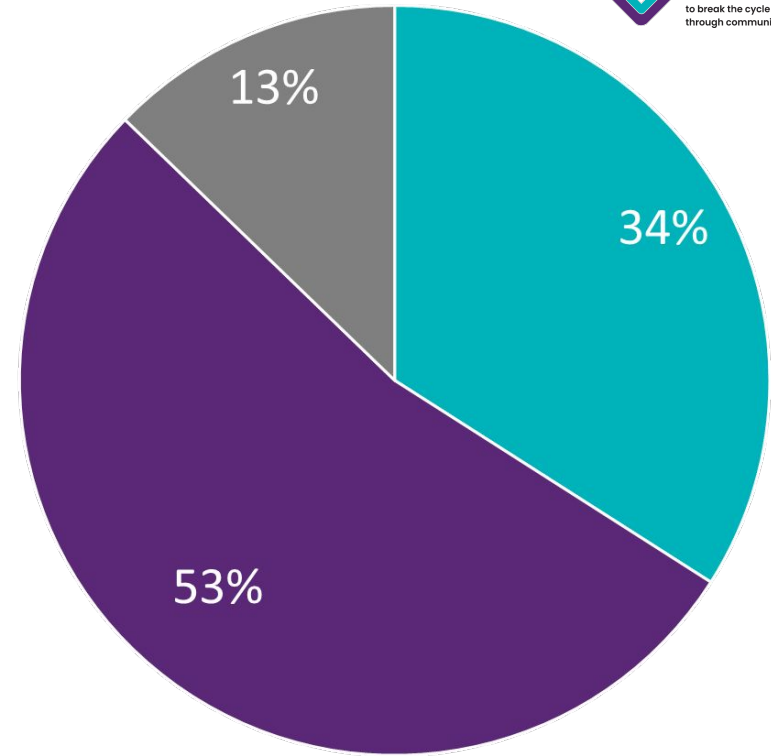
RESULTS

Heroin Task Force Data Personalities by Type

47 Respondents

*Zero HTF members who
took the quiz received the
data avoider persona

[Learn more about each data persona](#)



 Guru  Apprentice  Novice

Data Literacy Quiz Trends

58%

of respondents
use data all the
time

16%

of respondents
have access to all
the data they
need

48%

of respondents
prefer **practical
applications** to
learn



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Data
Guru

Creating Data
Visualizations
(Dashboards, PPTs, etc)

Advanced
Statistics &
Predictive
Analytics

Data
Apprentice

Fundamental
Statistics
*(Outliers, central
tendency, causation, etc.)*

Understanding
Data
Visualization
*(Dashboards, Papers,
etc.)*

Data
Novice

Data Exploration
& Storytelling

Fundamental
Statistics
*(Outliers, central
tendency, causation, etc.)*

Learning
Priorities

Dashboarding Coming Soon!

Hopefully :)

Heroin Task Force Data Literacy

About This Dashboard

Purpose

The purpose of these dashboards is to gain/communicate a deeper understanding of Data Literacy as it relates to the members of the Waukesha County Heroin Task Force. Additionally, this use of data seeks to learn where to focus future efforts to better support Heroin Task Force workgroup needs.

About the Data

The data used in these dashboards was collected through a Data Literacy Survey which was distributed to Heroin Task force members. Forty six members responded to the survey during the month of January 2024.

User Tips

These dashboards are fully interactive, enabling you to interact with charts, graphs & tables to visualize how your unique selections impact other associated data. Utilizing the following features can help you gain additional insights from this data.

- "Drop Down Menus" filter results across an entire page and can be used in any combination.
- Hovering over chart elements will provide additional information about the element.
- Pressing & holding the shift key while clicking any combination of chart elements across any combination of charts to apply custom filters.

Feedback

If you observe inconsistencies/anomalies, have questions or ideas to improve these dashboards, please reach out to your Heroin Task Force Team Lead.



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Data Team Poll

0:50 | 1 question | 32 of 46 (69%) participated

1. Which of these resources would you use? (check all that apply)
(Multiple Choice)

32/32 (100%) answered

Synchronous Data Lab (18/32) 56%

Asynchronous Webinars (26/32) 81%

Written Resources (16/32) 50%

End Poll

Synchronous Data Lab

Asynchronous Webinars

Written Resources

Waukesha County

2024

Community Health Improvement Plan
Action Team Plan Launch



WAUKESHA COUNTY CHIP EVENT SPONSORS:



HTF 2024 ACTION TEAMS



Support Recovery

Stigma Reduction

**Metrics &
Measurements**

**CHIP
Substance Use**

AGENCY OR PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have something to share
with the full group?

Raise your hand and share!



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. Contact Jamie Bauer at ijbauer@waukeshacounty.gov if you are interested in getting involved!
- ✓ We will continue to provide periodic email updates with information
- ✓ 2024 HTF Quarterly Community Partner Meetings (all Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30)
 - June 11th (IN PERSON)
 - October 1st (HOPEFULLY IN PERSON)
 - December 3rd

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