

DOPP PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM MEETING

707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise, ID 83704 | Huckleberry 1 Conference Room
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order and roll call *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead, called the Central District Health (CDH) Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP) Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The PHAST members were identified by roll call: Matt Sly, Boise Police Dept; David Steece, ROC; Mark Babson, Ada County Paramedics; Kurt Freeman, Boise Fire Dept; Sonny, Peer Wellness Recovery; Courtney Boyce, Central District Health.

No guests or staff were in attendance.

Vote to approve of agenda *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

Jessica Harris asked to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Ayes Matt Sly motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mark Babson. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote to approve of minutes *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

Jessica Harris asked to approve the June meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Ayes Matt Sly motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by David Steece. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PHAST guiding principles: *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

Jessica discussed four topic areas the meetings would focus on: reducing opioid overdoses, OUD as a chronic treatable disease, identifying barriers and gaps in data, and continuous improvement. Attendees who are first responders discussed how commonly they encounter overdoses, where they're occurring, and how their interactions could be improved. The option of having a person respond afterwards who may be viewed more neutrally was discussed. The nature of how first responders interact with that segment of the community, ways to retrain perceptions to reduce stigma, and issues faced by first responders experiencing compassion fatigue. The possibility was raised of people in recovery coming and sharing their stories with first responders to show them the good that can come of the situations they're facing. A major information gap that was identified was the unknown unknown, due to the relative novelty of the opioid crisis. Problems in data management and sharing across agency lines were also identified. The group discussed the importance of moving forward, at whatever speed possible.

"SOS" and logic model: *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

PHAST is currently in module one, moving into module two as it gets off the ground. Ways of sharing data are being discussed, keeping in mind that data may be sensitive due to the presence of things like PII that must be kept secret. Things

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like problem solving, interventions, and coordinating will begin in module three. Module four will introduce monitoring and maintaining progress, and the possible introduction of an overdose fatality review team.

PHAST member experiences and input: *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

The importance of follow-on care and ways that might be done were discussed. Attendees identified some ways they've already started providing that treatment on the back-end. The lethality and increasing prevalence of fentanyl were discussed as well. Information was shared on a program Nampa Fire has started that provides resources to provide follow-on care. It was planned to invite a member of that agency to the next meeting to share more information on what they're doing. Ways other regions have been tackling this problem were also shared to give possible ideas for future courses of action that could be taken.

Adjournment *by Jessica Harris, Public Health Lead*

The next PHAST meeting time and date will be determined via email. The PHAST meeting adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

Motion: Kurt Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mark Babson. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

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