

**COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP
NORTH FRANKLIN ED CENTER, MALONE, NY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017**

PRESENT:

Co-Chair Stephen Shafer, District Superintendent, FEH BOCES
Co-Chair Michele Mulverhill, Commissioner, Franklin County DSS
Donna Andre', Superintendent, Brushton-Moira Central School
Michelle Bailey, Malone Central School
Alida Bunk, Berkshire Farm
Craig Carriero, Franklin County District Attorney's Office
Ginger Carriero, Alice Hyde Medical Center
Vanetta Conn, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Olivia Cook, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
Karie Doelger, FEH BOCES School Library System
Loretta Fowler, Chateaugay Central School
Alexis Carcia, STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN
Jerry Griffin, Supt. of Schools, Malone Central School
Lisa Griffin, Franklin County Department of Social Services
Melissa Johnston, Citizen Advocates, Inc.
Kathleen Kirkpatrick, STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN
Nicole LaClair, STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN
Dr. William Latreille, Alice Hyde Medical Center
Ashley Livernois, STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN
Alex Logie, Adirondack ARC
Denise Luka, Principal, F-E-H BOCES
Juliette Lynch, Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country
Angela Martin, Franklin County Department of Social Services
Danielle Matthews, Malone Central School
Steve McDonald, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Seth McGowan, Tupper Lake Central School
Denise McLane, Franklin County Probation Department
Tracy Merrick, Franklin County Department of Social Services
Kevin Mulverhill, Franklin County Sheriff Department
Danielle O'Mara, Tobacco Free Clinton-Franklin-Essex
Brandon Pelkey, Principal, Malone Central School
Jeremiah Pond, Franklin County Department of Social Services
Joe Riccio, Citizen Adovacates, Inc.
Lee Rivers, Community Connections of Franklin County
Jennifer Rose, Massena Independent Living Center
Kim Russell, Salmon River Central School
Michelle Schumacher, Malone YMCA
Stefan Schumacher, North Star Behavioral Health
Erica Soper, Associate Director, JCEO
Alan Tessier, Supt., St. Regis Falls Central School
Brandon Titus, Citizen Advocates, Inc.
Christine Venery, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Mental Health Services

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Michele Mulverhill, Commissioner, Franklin County DSS, called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Ms. Mulverhill welcomed the members. The members present introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Mulverhill asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting. Kevin Mulverhill moved, seconded by Jerry Griffin to accept the minutes as presented. All approved, minutes accepted.

Michele Mulverhill said the meeting is geared toward the growing problem of Opioid abuse in the county.

FOSTER CARE MAPS DISTRICT OF ORIGIN/ DISTRICT OF PLACEMENT:

Jeremiah Pond presented information on the Foster Care Program. He said, sadly, the numbers are increasing. As usual, the largest population are from the Malone area. He discussed the district of origin and district of placement, explaining placement outside of Franklin County is generally due to emotional and behavioral needs that are too great to be met locally. Placement in home district is always the best solution, however, that is not always possible. Jeremiah shared new legislation prohibits incarceration of 16-17 year old teens. These individuals will now need to be placed in Foster Care.

TOBACCO FREE CLINTON-FRANKLIN-ESSEX:

Danielle O'Mara spoke about efforts by the Tobacco Free Clinton-Franklin-Essex group to reduce tobacco use in Franklin County. She said Franklin County has the second highest rate of smokers in New York State. Danielle explained that use of electronic smoking devices in public places is not restricted under the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2003. She said big tobacco companies lobby in New York to keep these electronic smoking devices off the restricted list. Danielle urged the members to contact Billy Jones and Betty Little to urge them to include these devices.

She discussed T21, an effort to raise the minimum legal age for the sale of tobacco products to 21 years of age. Danielle said seven counties and New York City have already increased the minimum legal sale age to 21. She urged members to lobby their representatives in Albany for this increase of age.

FILM CLIP "THE HUNGRY HEART":

Stephen Shafer spoke regarding the epidemic of opioid abuse. He wanted to share two videos related to this problem. Due to the length of these videos, we are going to show clips only. The videos can be watched in their entirety at a later time.

AGENCY RESPNCES TO THE PERSCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE/OPIATE ABUSE EPIDEMIC:

Discussion took place following these video clips. Melissa Johnson urged people to watch Chasing the Dragon. She stressed the importance of understanding the life of an addict, to know what it feels like to be suffering with an addiction. Melissa spoke of the Franklin County Prevention Task Force, their purpose, practices, strategies and members. Anyone wishing to join the task force is welcome.

Stefan Schumacher spoke of the increase in admissions due to opioids. Many of these are young adults, who become addicted as late teens. Many of these people drop out of school, maybe because of addiction. He feels we need to fill the gap from leaving school to starting families. Michelle said people do not start out using heroin. They often start with alcohol and marijuana. Stefan said another

drug is nicotine. He feels we need to change the perception of nicotine, that it is not separate from other drugs.

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(CONT.):**

Dr. LaTreille shared history of pain control from a physician's view point. Medical personnel are obligated to treat pain. Doctors have always used narcotics to control pain. Now, providers are atuned to the addiction problem. They now use a government database to record all prescribed narcotics. Dr. LaTreille said the medical community are willing to work with law enforcement to make this problem disappear.

Ginger Cariero spoke about pain management contracts used to hold patients accountable when on pain medications.

Kevin Mulverhill agrees that the medical community gets blamed for over perscribing, however, pain management is part of their job. He appreciates the support Dr. Latreille and the medical community provide in addressing this problem.

Graig Cariero reported 70% – 75% of crime in Franklin County today is drug related. The District Attorney's office cannot do anything until someone gets arrested. He said the Probabion Department does a great job. Denise McLane stated they like to give people a chance. It is impossible to arrest everyone involved in drug abuse. Some people succeed in treatment, but they must want to, it is not going to work otherwise.

Seth McGowan spoke from a school standpoint. He sees heroin as less of a problem then it was years ago. They now have a growing problem with Adderall. He is astonished at the number of students on antidepressants. Mr. McGowan shared stratigies to move the problem out of the schools and into the community. We need to make the community accountable as well as parents and the school.

Angela Martin spoke of the need to be cognizant of trauma recognition, the need to be aware that trauma can be reintorduced at a later time. She offered resources for schools or parents on dealing with trauma if anyone was interested. Angela invited members to SPOA (Single Pooint of Access) meetings.

Lisa Griffin said vulnerable adults are at risk because of this problem. They see an increase in financial exploitation of grandparents and elderly relatives.

Christine Venery shared information on programs at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Mental Health Services. These include prevention of mental health, quarterly mental health training, trauma informed programs, healing to wellness drug court, and school based services.

Several agencies have funds or scholarships available for students unable to afford afterschool programs, summer programs or sports. The Family Resource Center is available as well both here and in Tupper Lake. Alex Logie said the Adirondack ARC is opening a universal Pre K services in the old Tru Stitch building on

Catherine Street in Malone.

**DATE AND
LOCATION FOR
NEXT MEETING:**

The date and location for the next meeting is November 8, 2017 at the North Franklin Educational Center in Malone. Agenda items can be sent to Michele Mulverhill or Stephen Shafer.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES