

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

OPIOID

ADDICTION TASK FORCE



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“PREVENTION” SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMUNITY/EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- ✓ Support evidence based Prevention Education programs in both school and community settings
- ✓ Develop a multi-pronged strategy for disseminating information to community (marketing)
- ✓ Create new Parent/Guardian Education program
 - Signs/addiction/trends
 - Insert this program into parent attended events
- ✓ Measure effectiveness of prevention awareness program with school districts every other year
- ✓ Facilitate Prescriber Education for medical professionals
- ✓ Maintain Town multidisciplinary coalition
 - Initiate a youth coalition component-give class credit

IT HITS HOME
A Public Forum on The
OPIOID EPIDEMIC
BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

HELP THE SOUTHAMPTON TOWN OPIOID ADDICTION TASK FORCE
Develop An Action Plan To Stop The Opioid Epidemic From Spreading



“PREVENTION” SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS (CON'T)

INCREASE RESOURCES AND ACCESS FOR YOUTH

- ✓ Identify point person for support in school and community
- ✓ Recommend more pupil counseling support in schools
- ✓ Create and expand online resources for treatment
- ✓ Increase youth employment/internship/vocational opportunities
- ✓ Create indoor public venue for winter events-youth socialization
- ✓ Create marketing campaign for youth about resources available
- ✓ Develop regional transportation services





“TREATMENT” SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- ✓ Create an education campaign to help remove the stigma of a 12 step program such as AA/NA or Alateen when treating opioid addiction
- ✓ Include AA/NA in future coalition against opioid abuse/misuse
- ✓ Create social activities for people in recovery, i.e.: “rock for recovery” or “run for recovery”
- ✓ Request and verify that all businesses working with the Town of Southampton have insurance policies supporting the parity act for substance and mental health benefits, i.e.: co-pay, cancer
- ✓ Create a Mental Health and Substance Abuse dedicated phone line for insurance denials
- ✓ Encourage Insurance Companies to cover devices prescribed by doctors to help with withdrawal

“TREATMENT ”(CON’T) SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REMOVE STIGMA / OBSTACLES

- ✓ Facilitate more sober housing
- ✓ Create diversified coalition to replace Task Force-include young people in recovery
- ✓ Encourage young people in recovery to speak at school forums about “Road to Recovery”
- ✓ Initiate youth programs to help young people in recovery transition into social programs at SYS or Community Centers
- ✓ Establish an East End THRIVE-no further west than Riverhead
 - ✓ Stony Brook Southampton Campus or Gabreski Airport
- ✓ Create marketing campaign for outpatient services that are person centered





“ENFORCEMENT” SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

SHARE INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY

- The SHPD introduced several initiatives months ago
- The Department recommends continued policy changes to include:
 - Tracking OD cases
 - Enhanced investigative efforts at the time of overdose
 - Interview overdose survivors and family members
 - Coordinate information sharing with other departments

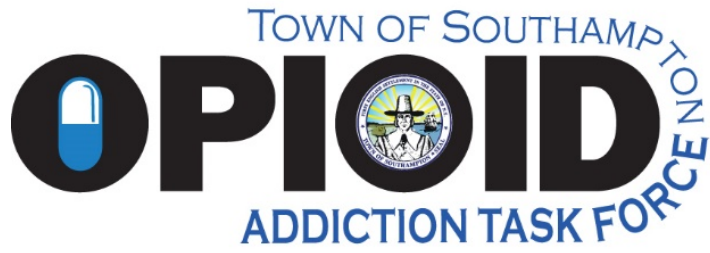




'ENFORCEMENT" (CON'T) SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS COORDINATED EFFORT

- Coordination between EEDTF and STPD CRU
 - 1) Regular meetings
 - 2) Prioritize Intel
- Coordinated follow-up between PD and DA
- Narcan available to all PD first responders
- Bridge the Gap
 - 1) Overdose survivors consent contact by "Treatment" Chair person to help facilitate long term care
- Create marketing campaign for the "Good Samaritan Law"





“RECOVERY” SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CENTER

- Improve Education-the difference between “Treatment” and “Recovery”
- Develop Public Awareness Campaign for Parents- “Look in the Mirror”
 - How to talk to your children; expose dangers to children at young age
- Establish THRIVE-recovery center on East End-Stony Brook Southampton College Campus or Gabreski Airport , public/private joint venture, pursue grants and promote fundraising-big donors (banks and hospitals)
- Expand Youth programs for “at risk” youth or “Youth in recovery”
- Create PSA’s and Media Campaign, “How to Find a Meeting” info for young people

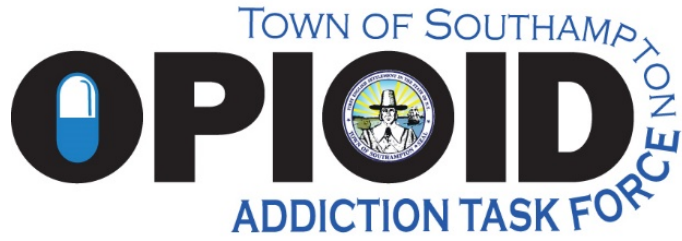




“RECOVERY” (CON’T) SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Build website for all information; including NA Meetings, No drug or alcohol social gatherings, job counseling and immediate outreach
- Enlist SCCC-advocate careers for certified recovery coaches and sober companions
- Inspect Sober Homes-enforce Town and local codes, make sure they are legal; recommend the State enforce codes-number of unrelated people living in one home, no locks on doors
- Create “How to find a good sober home” campaign





CURRENT BARRIERS FOR TREATMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Won't leave family, leave job for inpatient treatment
- 2) Sometimes one week wait for beds could be a killer
- 3) Inpatient services average 8 to 10 days before insurance runs out
- 4) Treatment beds available on East End
 - Seaford-Frequently
 - LICR- Occasionally
 - ELI-Rarely

SOLUTIONS

- 1) Funds for alternatives to child care while in treatment
- 2) Need additional outpatient services



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Ask the State for funding
- 2) Sober dorms at Stony Brook Southampton
- 3) THRIVE on East End