

Mayor's Task Force to Combat the Opioid Epidemic

Session 1: January 11, 2017, 9-11 am

Community Behavioral Health – 801 Market Street

Attendees

- Mayor James Kenney
- Task Force members:
 - o Arthur Evans (co-chair)
 - o Thomas Farley (co-chair)
 - o John Thomas Cooper III
 - o David Oh
 - o Richard Ross
 - o Christopher Sweeney
 - o Jingduan Yang
 - o Michael DellaVecchia
 - o Jerry Daley
 - o Richard Snyder
 - o Jean Mackey Bennett
 - o Blanche Carney
 - o Gary Tennis
 - o Priya Mammen
 - o Jose Benitez
 - o Beverly Haberle
 - o Devin Reaves
 - o Reverend James Baker
- Public comment included statements from:
 - o Derrick Ford (DBHIDS)
 - o Mary Doherty (CORA)

Decision points

- No specific decisions made.

Presentations

- Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis in Philadelphia (Jeffrey Hom, MD, MPH; Philadelphia Department of Public Health)
- Treatment and Service Access (Roland Lamb; Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility shouServices)

Action items

- Sub-committees will need to address services that are not publicly funded and the Task Force as a whole will also need to look at youth in education
- Task Force will need to think about legal action against pharmaceutical companies
- Ask Justice System, Law Enforcement, and First Responders sub-committee to identify ways to decrease the availability of illicit as well as prescription drugs in drug market
- Task Force members encouraged to attend Listening Sessions
- Clarify charge for Data Analysis and Sharing Sub-Committee to include creating a report that comes out regularly to that public so that we can measure our efforts
- Share information from Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission on potential Philly Recovers campaign

Public Comment

- Derrick Ford (DBHIDS) stated that addiction is young folks' disease, but police Heads Up program has had lack of officers going into schools
- Richard Ross (PPD) responded that funding is always an issue, but that we shouldn't just limit focus to that program; fantastic things happening over in East Division and need police officers engaging with young people in as many ways as possible
- Mary Doherty (CORA Services) stated that at CORA Services, they serve an average of 25,000 people per year; she hopes that we can take advantage of structural changes in DHS and DBH and make dollars more effective and meaningful to coordinate across child-serving systems

Next steps

- Next Task Force meeting is Wednesday, January 25 at 9 am