



NASEMSO Opioid & SUD Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING RECORD

May 15, 2024

Attending – Tim Seplaki (NJ), Anthony Pantaleo (MI), Megan Umbriano (RI), Anna Masefski (ME), Anthony Roberts (ME), Duane Spencer (PA), Eric Hicken (NJ), Arnold Alier (SC) Dr. Robert Rosenbaum (DE), Brittney Huss (DE), Diana McGinnis-Hainsworth (DE), Donna Doyle (DE), Raffaella Calciano (CT), Jeremy Kinsman (NHTSA), Victoria Reinhartz (National Assoc of MIH Providers), Catherine Weertz (TASC), Holly Hornsby (TX), Dawn Felt (WA), Brian Webb (AK), Judy Laney (BARDA), Efrain Garcia (BARDA), Terry Kadel (AK), Josh Dawson (MS), Jonathon Feit (Beyond Lucid)

Guest Speakers: Mica Williams (TASC), Tara Tucker, Jason Schaak

Call to Order & Welcome – Tim Seplaki, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

Self - Introductions – Attendees introduced themselves.

Review and Approve March 4 Meeting Record – see meeting minutes [here](#). The March 4 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Panel Presentation: Post Overdose Outreach in Three States:

Mica Williams, Panel Moderator, TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) Center for Health & Justice, provided an overview of COSSUP and what it offers for people and organizations who work in the field of SUD. Deflection is a public health approach to public safety.

Fayetteville, NC, CP/MIH - Tara Tucker reported that their county wide EMS service operates a MIH program in Cumberland County, North Carolina. Their deflection team is made up of 4 community paramedics, a social worker, a case manager, a peer support specialist. They work with several special populations including veterans, people with mental illness, and persons with substance use disorders. They collaborate with a “Broken Chain” a national biker group which helps people with addiction. They are reimbursed from their behavioral health managed care organizations.

West Allis, WI, CP/MIH - Jason Schaak shared the mobile integrated health (MIH) program the West Allis Fire/EMS program operates. They are located within Milwaukee. The MIH team operates out of an SUV and works with people with various chronic diseases, including substance use disorder. They utilize a wraparound model and work to get

patients into treatment programs in addition to administering buprenorphine to those suffering withdrawal. Overdose fatalities have decreased since the implementation of their program. They also utilize nontraditional approaches such as yoga and meditation classes. Regarding training on buprenorphine induction in the field, he researched to learn from places that were doing it and took his proposal to the medical directors for approval of the protocols. They only administer buprenorphine for patients in withdrawal if there is a CP/MIH team because it does not work without follow up.

NJ Office of EMS 5 Minutes to Help - Tim Seplacki, briefly explained New Jersey's Office of EMS 5 Minutes to Help program. It is a training program for EMS providers to teach them about SUD and how to conduct motivational interviewing for treating patients with SUD. They have recently added training on buprenorphine administration.

Update on National Governors Association Learning Collaborative re: EMS Administration of Buprenorphine –Arnold Alier gave a brief update on the learning collaborative as South Carolina is one of the 5 states selected by the NGA. He also reported on funding they have secured from various sources to support opioid programs.

Proposed Bylaws Change – Tim advised the committee that the Board is proposing to make the committee a standing committee rather than ad hoc. They asked if there is a better name than Opioid & SUD, which does not seem to include the wide range of issues the committee addresses or could address. It was suggested that *Overdose* or *Overdose System of Care* is more appropriate than *opioid*. Also suggested was *substance use* rather than overdose. After considerable discussion, **Substance Misuse, Assessment, Recovery, Treatment & Surveillance (SMARTS)** was proposed. Motion made/ seconded / passed to rename the committee SMARTS.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.