
Substance Use Disorder Director's Report March 2020

1. **Oversight Policy Board (OPB):** the OPB met March 4, 2020 and there were no license applications. The group did elect new officers: Patrick Sweeny (Kent) will remain as the chair, Commissioner Andrew Sebolt (Oceana) Vice Chair, and Sarah Sobel (Kent) will be Secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020 at 4pm at Ottawa County Community Mental Health in the board room. During that meeting the group will review its bylaws, as well as welcome two new members: Ms. Dawn Martin (Lake) and Tom Antor (Kent). The OPB and the LRE would like to thank Commissioners Joan Runnels and Stan Stek for their leadership and guidance as they were both longstanding members of the board, they will be missed.
2. **TalkSooner Marketing Campaign:** Due to the COVID-19 our plan has already had to change for March since the Grand Rapids Children's Museum is closing. We are working closely with Seyferth PR for an alternative plan for this month. We anticipate the rest of our campaign will be able to occur as is.
3. **Gambling Disorder:** The LRE presented our regional plan at the gambling disorder symposium earlier this month, during which time Larry Scott Director of OROSC (Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care) requested we present at the statewide SUD conference this September!
4. **Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC):** The LRE and CMSHSP SUD staff are working diligently on this project. The MDOC has sent out some forms (referral form and monthly progress report) but no formal implementation plan. Regionally, we have developed a service description by county and a referral list of contacts by county for our local agents. We continue to be in contact with our local agents during this transition and we are actively discussing this topic at the SUD ROAT group. Note the start date is April 1, 2020.
5. **Tobacco 21:** The LRE is working closely with local tobacco prevention specialists and state officials to determine how the new federal law (passed in late December of 2019) requiring all tobacco products to be sold to those now 21 and up will impact our prevention work. Currently, only the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) can enforce this law as Michigan state law hasn't changed from 18 to 21 yet. Therefore, local and state law enforcement cannot enforce this law, it is up to the tobacco retailer to ensure they comply. Clear information on this law is lacking, which is causing significant confusion among preventionist, law enforcement and tobacco retailers. This federal law change will impact our Synar checks and vendor education programs. Consequently, the LRE will need to revamp its entire vendor education and tobacco checks protocol (No Cigs for Our Kids) this spring in order to ensure we meet the state and federal requirements for tobacco sales to minors. It should be noted that there are several tobacco related bills that were all released in late February to address this. To date, none have been passed but that information is in your legislative handout. Further information on this topic will be presented to the board at a future meeting.
6. **Dr. Waller Training:** The LRE thru SOR funding has retained Dr. Corey Waller of HMA to provide trainings on MAT and stimulants to the region. In October, he presented to over 250 behavioral health and health care professionals in Muskegon County and to over 300 in Kent county in

November. His last regional training is in Ludington on April 22, flyer is attached. Due to COVID-19 we will be limiting this to 50 persons or less, in the event any new communication from CDC or MDHHS instructs us differently we will look into doing this webinar style or postpone.

7. **GAIN Update:** No formal update/contract adjustment from the department on the direction of this screening tool has been released.
8. **SUD Legislation:** Attached please find the updated grid of SUD legislation for your reference and note the several new tobacco related bills.
9. **LRE SUD Treatment Data:** Attached please find the monthly Treatment data pulled from BHTeds.