



## Anchorage Opioid Task Force Agenda

### January 11, 2024

- Welcome Back! Brief Introductions
- AHD Updates
  - Secondary Data Review
    - Working to initiate a secondary data review, which will identify data gaps and provide recommendations for how to use the opioid settlement funds
  - Advisory Committee applications
    - Still recruiting applicants
  - Public Health Division Manager
    - In active recruitment to fill this role, which will manage the AOTF
  - AOTF has a webpage on the muni site:  
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/health/DirectServices/Pages/AOTF.aspx>
- Drug Free Communities Grant Opportunity (Aaron Osterback)
  - VOA is looking into applying and AOTF is a potential match for the funding
  - DFC grant info: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/grant-programs/dfc/>
- Town Hall Planning
  - End of February – early March
    - AHD will reach out to panelists/hosts to find a good date that works for everyone
  - Previous agenda:
    - Brief AHD intro
    - Coleman Cutchins, DOH OSMA, presentation
    - Project Hope Demonstration
    - Q&A with Coleman and Project Hope
    - Panel of people with lived experience
    - Q&A with panelists
    - Community story sharing
    - Discussion about solutions
      - Closing remarks
  - Additions or suggestions?



- Have harm reduction supplies (drug disposal kits, medication storage locks, naloxone, etc) and a fact sheet/info card for attendees to take with them when they leave
- Future townhalls: have APD present their data, do small focus groups to get feedback from citizens (maybe partner with UAA), townhall with Anchorage School District about opioids and naloxone in schools
- Open Discussion
  - Elderly opioid use – folks who have opioids in their house should be educated about proper storage and disposal to prevent misuse by others, recognize signs of an overdose
  - ANTHC hosted a drive thru event for naloxone kits and training that was very successful, had over 500 people get trained
  - Attendees were curious about how to get the Anchorage Assembly and Administration more involved and AHD Director Rash stated she provides updates about the AOTF at the monthly Health Policy Committee meetings and the administration is on the AOTF emails. AHD will continue to seek out participation and involvement from assembly members and members of the administration.
  - Adolescent youth who use substances – do more promotion of 988 (suicide prevention hotline)
  - In other states, pharmacists hand out a naloxone kit when they fill an opioid prescription above a certain dose
    - Alaska Native Medical Center pharmacy hands out a naloxone kit to anyone who comes to the pharmacy and would like one (people do not have to be a patient at ANMC)
  - Encourage organizations to incorporate naloxone training as part of their onboarding process
  - Harm reduction vending machines; funding is available through specific grant to place these in law enforcement offices
    - IKnowMine.org has lots of resources people in AK can order and training videos
    - Vending machines provide data about use
  - Project Hope – anticipating a funding gap which will likely impact their ability to provide naloxone kits as widely as they are now. Still to be determined what that funding gap will be and they will keep the group updated.
  - Upcoming events to promote:



- Dry January Thursday Nights Out during January at K St Market, 6-8pm by Recover Alaska
- Discover the Truth about Fentanyl in AK, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage
- Youth Higher Concert Night, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm at The Workshop Community Center
- Banyan Group Rise and Grind Recovery Support, Wednesdays, 10am-12pm at the Navigation Center