

Kenosha County Opioid Abatement Advisory Panel

Minutes:

Meeting of Tuesday, February 28th , 2023 at 1:30pm

Committee Attendees: Kari Foss, Sheriff Zoerner, Chief Smetana, Inspector Labatore, Kari Pint, Guida Brown, Rebecca Dutter, Captain Katie Hall

General Business

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM. Each Committee member in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Citizen Comments: Principal Wilmot High Rob Kreil. Seeing increase in THC. Freshman with high needs surrounding mental Health and Substance Abuse asking for help. Kids having a hard time adjusting back to normal life. Not only the students needing help, but families needing education.

Roni Carpenter-school counselor. Wants more prevention rather than being reactive. More kids are asking for help. Incoming freshman class needs more support then staff can provide

Karyn Vanheijningen -Coordinated Response CIP Sees the need for early education even in Middle School. Spoke about the use of Botvin-evidence based program. The teachers are exhausted, so the help given was appreciated.

Deanna Martinson-Daughter lost life to SUD. Education is key and needs to happen before middle school. Life skills and coping skills are needed.

3. Call for approval of minutes from January 31st, 2023. Becky Dutter moved, Guida Brown Second.
4. Inspector Labatore read statement from KPD Chief Patton, makes motion for education/prevention position funded by settlement dollars. Guida Brown seconds the motion.

Discussion on Motion: KPD has spoken with Dr. Weiss from KUSD. KUSD is not in attendance. Would districts have the capacity to do the curriculum?

Rob Kreil-Botvin could possibly be built into the health curriculum.

Need to find appropriate curriculums for specific school districts as every district has their own needs. D.A.R.E. is doing more work with KUSD. Sherriff Zoerner reports tha KUSD has reached out to KSD to provide D.A.R.E. programming in 2 elementary schools in the city.

John Jansen shared that the county board would also have to approve a new position as there is a process to add a position.

Amend the motion to reflect position and funding for all of the programming.

Amended motion- motion for education/prevention position along with funding for the programming/curriculum. All are in favor. Motion passed

5. Discussion on 2021 Toxicity deaths. Large concentration in one zip code. Most had more than one substance on board. Will continue to analyze data and can include ratio to population size of zip code. Many questions surrounding polysubstance abuse specifically Gabapentin.
6. Discussion on future agenda items: someone attend from KUSD, share heat maps from Opioid task force, update on residential treatment for substance use.

Meetings will be held monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 1:30PM.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Sherriff Zoerner, 2nd by Chief Smetana. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40PM.