

*Partnering with Our Community to Save Lives:  
A Multi-Sectoral Approach to Addressing the Opioid Crisis*

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**The data told one piece of our community's story:**

- ▶ In 2016, there were 749 clients admitted to treatment centers for opioid addiction, and in 2017 we had 818 admitted
- ▶ Naloxone (Narcan) was administered by our EMS 242 times in 2016 and 239 times in 2017
- ▶ Opioid Overdose Deaths per 100,000 were 29 for each year of 2016 and 2017- the highest in the region



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## The Community Told the Other Piece... Meeting, Listening, and Learning:

- ▶ Met and LISTENED to the leadership, the clinical staff, and the frontline staff of:
  - Office of Community Services (Office of Mental Health)
  - Treatment Centers
  - Hospitals
  - FQHC
  - Primary Care Centers
  - Community Based Organizations
  - County Jail
  - School System
- ▶ Met and LISTENED to people in recovery, people struggling with recovery, and the family and friends of people in recovery or struggling with recovery



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## Showing Up: Leading, Co-leading, and/or Participating

- ▶ *Schenectady County Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention Coalition*
- ▶ *Schenectady County (SUD) Prevention Community Engagement Work Groups*
- ▶ *Ellis Hospital and Schenectady County Heroin and Opiate Task Force*
- ▶ *Schenectady County Trauma Informed Community Work Group*
- ▶ *Ellis Hospital ED CRPA Initiative Work Group*
- ▶ *Schenectady County Public Health Advisory Board*
- ▶ *Schenectady County Dual Recovery Task Force*
- ▶ *Schenectady County Coalition for a Healthy Community*

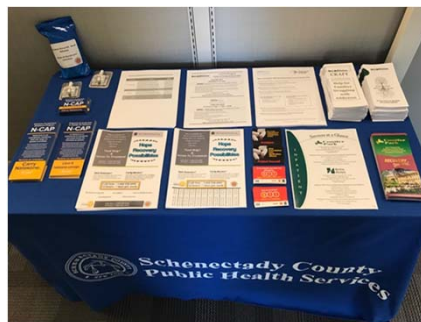


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## Wherever we go, they go:

### Top (Left to Right):

- ▶ Schenectady County Narcan Kit
- ▶ Pharmacies in Schenectady County that carry Narcan
- ▶ COTI Project
- ▶ Good Samaritan Law
- ▶ CRAFT
- ▶ New Choices Wrap-Around Aftercare Program Brochure



### Bottom (Left to Right):

- ▶ N-CAP
- ▶ Project Safe Point 24/7 resource number
- ▶ Protect Yourself: Stop Prescription Pain Medication Misuse Wallet Card
- ▶ See and overdose? Call 911 Wallet Card
- ▶ Conifer Park Services at a Glance Flyer
- ▶ Conifer Park Recovery Services Brochure



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## Applying what we learned, literally:

- ▶ AFBH Innovation Fund Award Partners and Collaborators:
- ▶ **ALL PEERS (Advocates Liaisons Leaders Partnering Experts Educators Recovery Systems and Supports)**
  - Treatment Providers and Harm Reduction Advocates: Conifer Park, New Choices, and Catholic Charities
  - CRPA Trainers: Our Wellness Collective and Albany Behavioral Health
  - Education Support: SUNY SCCC
  - CBOs: City Mission and Bethesda House
  - Health Care: Ellis Hospital, Ellis Primary Medicine and Hometown Health
  - Schenectady County Gov't: Public Health Services and Office of Community Services



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## The Innovation Fund Award (10/2018):

- ▶ **2 full-time CRPAs:** At Conifer Park- one will float between their family and inpatient program, and one will float between their outpatient program and the MAT clinic
- ▶ **1 full-time and 1 part-time CRPAs:** Placed at New Choices who will then place one at Bethesda house who will also be available to partner with Health Ambassadors as needed, and one to float between Hometown Health and Ellis Medicine
- ▶ **1 full time CRPA:** At Catholic Charities- to conduct targeted outreach to individuals referred from Schenectady Police, Fire, EMS, Jail, City Mission, Hometown Health, and other identified entities and/or are at risk of an overdose (recent incarceration; recent discharge from treatment, recent discharge from hospitalization, etc.) and/or are in need of harm reduction services. In addition, the CRPA would be available to respond to referrals via Project Safe Point's Health HUB hotline number
- ▶ **22 CRPA training spots:** The Wellness Collective: this was be done via 2 cohorts of 11 and each training will include the Recovery Coach Academy, Ethics training, MAT training, and 25 hours of Supervision for each person- which is required for certification- these trainings will be held in Schenectady at either Public Health or the Ellis Hospital
- ▶ **10 spots:** The Wellness Collective for Supervising Peers in Clinical Settings training
- ▶ **19 spots:** In SUNY SCCC's Community Health Worker training \*internships will take place at treatment centers
- ▶ **19 spots:** In SUNY SCCC's Behavioral Health Tech Program \*apprenticeships will focus on placement within dual diagnosis programs
- ▶ **30 spots:** At each of the following Albany Behavioral Health trainings, which will be offered at the treatment facilities and CBOs involved in this project: Burnout in Human Services workers, Cultural Competency in multi-cultural/multi-ethnic settings, Harm Reduction Techniques, Intervention for families, Substance Use Disorders in Families, and Women and Addiction
- ▶ **Grand Total: \$356,625**
- ▶ \*As the project roles out, the placement and roles of the CRPA can be adjusted as needed



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## NYS DOH Opioid Crisis Funding:

- ▶ Grand Rounds:
  - 10/12/19: "An Overview of a Successful ED-Initiated Buprenorphine Treatment Model for Opioid Dependence" presented by Dr. Joshua Lynch" 50+ in attendance
  - 5/31/19: "Managing Chronic Pain While Reducing the Risk for Opioid Use Disorder" will be presented by Dr. Updike, Dr. Mack, Dr. Argoff, and Dr. Nichols (PharmD)
- ▶ Buprenorphine Trainings
  - 3 have been held with a total of 32 trained
  - 2 more scheduled for 5/31 from 10AM-2:30PM
- ▶ ED Staff Meeting Presentation
  - 11/20/2019, Dr. Lynch
- ▶ Presenters and Panel Discussions
  - 1/7/2019 "The Opioid Crisis: How Can You Help as a Professional in the Healthcare or Mental Health Field?" Dr. Loomis, Dr. Roy, Dr. Weimer, Dr. Lynch, and Keith Brown \*106 in attendance- 126 registered
  - Dr. Stephen Dewey, "The Science of Addiction" June date TBD
- ▶ Academic Detailing
  - Dr. Lipi Roy at Hometown Health and at Office of Community Services
  - Dr. Lynch at Ellis ED
  - Ariel Hurley, LMSSW/MPH at Ellis Hospital Social Work Department
- ▶ Presented on Opioid Crisis initiatives at coalitions, at our own leadership meetings, at rotary clubs, at Recovery Talks, and at schools
- ▶ Palm Cards for Safe Pointe and COTI (double-sided)
  - 1000 ordered



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## The Opioid Crisis: "How Can You Help as a Professional in the Healthcare or Mental Health Field?"



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## Narcan Trainings Since 9/18/2018:

- ▶ Number of trainings held: 20
- ▶ Number of people trained: 202

### Large agencies trained include:

- ▶ Duanesburg Central School
- ▶ SCAP
- ▶ SUNY Schenectady - Students
- ▶ Safe, Inc
- ▶ Schenectady County Library Staff
- ▶ Schenectady Central School District Nurses
- ▶ Parsons Mobile Crisis Unit
- ▶ Schenectady County Department of Public Works

### ▶ NYSDOH website link:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid\\_overdose\\_prevention/training\\_calendar.htm#albany](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/training_calendar.htm#albany)



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## Collaboration in Action:

- ▶ Entire staff of our FQHC, Hometown Health, has received Buprenorphine Training and is implementing the OBAT (Office Based Addiction Treatment) Model
- ▶ Increased CRPAs employed in our county from 2.5 to 7, with an additional 22 trained
- ▶ CRPAs at Ellis Hospital Mon-Fri 12PM-8PM
- ▶ EMO has requested palm cards to provide on-site at an OD
- ▶ Ongoing Narcan Trainings and Requests
- ▶ Requests for additional panels and academic detailing



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## Questions?

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