

**THE TRUST PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2021**

A meeting of the Trust Partnership was held via Zoom on January 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Laura Kelley, Executive Director of the Brantley County Family Connection, presided over and called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. 43 regional partners attended. A list of those present is attached to these minutes.

Welcome

Laura welcomed those present. She introduced Stephanie Bell, Executive Director of the Pierce County Family Connection and Gail Seifert, Coordinator of the Ware Children's Initiative, the Family Connection collaborative for Ware County as co-hosts for the meeting. Laura explained that this meeting was a follow up to the first meeting of the Trust Partnership that was held on November 22, 2020 at the C.C. McCray City Auditorium in Waycross.

Review of Goals and November 22nd meeting

Gail Seifert stated that 120 people attended the November meeting that was titled "When a Pandemic and Epidemic Collide". To reduce opioid deaths participants were trained to use Narcan and each left a Narcan kit. The training was presented by Patty Collins of Face-to-Face Recovery in Jesup, Georgia. Face to Face also provided the Narcan.

Gail reminded participants that the initial goals of the partnership will be to raise awareness of opioid and substance use disorder; to establish a regional coalition; and to introduce and encourage the use of overdose detection mapping (ODMapping).

She asked participants to include their contact information in the chat.

Trust Brand Review

Stephanie Bell reviewed the brand and logo stating that The Trust was developed with the idea that because trust has been lost within our institutions and personal/public lives that if we can grasp it and regain it through education, training, opportunities, and love we can truly make a difference not only within the Opioid prevention and treatment community but in the community as a whole. We use purple the same as purple is used to bring awareness to the opioid crisis every November. The spot is used to recognize the mark that opioid abuse has made on all of our lives. Our marketing of the purple spot will be in lapel pins to identify those trained in Narcan, window clings to show business and persons who support and are members of the Trust and campaigns to bring awareness and recognition of who and what we do throughout the year. Our motto "Trust in Us"

OD Mapping Update

Gail reported for Ambi Bess, Chronic Disease & Opioid Overdose Prevention Manager for the Southeast Health District. Currently in our region we are tracking and reporting opioid related deaths. There is no formal system in place tracking the number of rescues that have saved lives through the work of law enforcement, EMS and other professionals using Narcan. We have been told that some law enforcement organizations may be reporting rescues through DBHDD. However, that has not been confirmed. ODMapping not only tracks rescues but helps to identify hot spots allowing law enforcement to identify areas of high trafficking and to provide prevention resources.

Tommy Cox, Waycross Chief of Police stated that their department has implemented internal tracking and that they are using Narcan often and praised its ability to save lives.

Chris Hackett, Blackshear Chief of Police said that they have found drugs laced with fentanyl has become more common. He expressed a need to have more Narcan as well as additional training for EMS.

Mission/Vision Statement Review & Input

Gail reviewed the mission statement and asked for partner input.

Mission:

The mission of the Trust Partnership is to create a safety net for those suffering from opioid and sub-stance use disorders. We will engage professional and lay leaders from the tri-county region to collaboratively develop strategies that will address prevention, rescue, treatment, and recovery.

Vision:

Our vision is that the communities of Brantley, Pierce and Ware County are opioid and substance abuse free; that the community at large is aware of and able to employ rescue practices that save lives; and that those suffering from this disorder have access to and support throughout treatment and recovery.

Gail provided a worksheet to encourage partner input as well as review ideas for committees. The following subjects were presented the basis for committee formation:

- Prevention (Community outreach & education; professional education)
- Rescue (Naloxone and other treatments)
- Treatment & Recovery
- OD mapping (data tracking efforts).

Gail asked those present to review and sign the Memorandum of Understanding that was included with the agenda and to return it via email before the next meeting.

Southeast Health District COVID-19 update

Katie Hadden, Public Information Officer for the Southeast Health District gave an update on COVID-19 testing and vaccine information.

Region of Hope – Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Project

Laura Kelley presented an overview of the Region of Hope a child abuse and neglect prevention project. She stated that the Prevention and Community Support Section at the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS PCS) and Prevent Child Abuse Georgia (PCA Georgia) are now preparing for the Regional Implementation Planning process for Georgia's recently released Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan (<https://abuse.publichealth.gsu.edu/canpp/>). DFCS Region 11 will be one of the first to host these meetings; all 14 Regions will go through a similar three-session series in 2021 with a goal to complete all sessions by August.

Brantley County Family Connection has been asked to serve as the local convener and help identify and invite regional partners to these meetings. The first Region 11 meeting will be held on Friday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m., with the second meeting on Friday, February 19, and the third and final on Wednesday, March 24. Due to COVID-19, these meetings will be virtual meetings (Zoom). Laura encouraged participants to attend these meetings.

Coping with COVID-19

Stephanie Bell presented a PowerPoint and gave an overview of CDC recommendations on how to cope with stress during the Pandemic. Stephanie will share the PowerPoint with those attending.

Next Steps and Comments

Laura thanked those attending for their time and asked them to contact her (or Stephanie and Gail) if they would like to schedule Narcan training. The next meeting will be hosted by Pierce County Family Connection in March. Details will follow later.

Patty Collins (Face to Face Recovery) stated that they can provide both training and Narcan to feel free to contact her. Recently Face to Face initiated a Wayne County jail program, all prisoners were trained on Narcan usage and kits were placed inside the prison. She stated that retraining is not required to obtain more Narcan.

Stephanie Bell reported that DPH has asked the Southeast Health District to provide a resource guide listing organization providing substance and opioid use disorder treatment and services provided. DPH has asked for the guide by the end of January.

Dr. Glyn Thomas, CEO Unison Behavioral Health, reported that Unison has distributed Narcan to all schools in their 8-county service for the exception of Ware County because they already had Narcan.

Dr. Thomas also reported Stephonie Goddard serves as the Program Manager for the Accountability Court in Ware and Coffee counties. Stephonie has managed the program since Judge Mike Boggs advocated for the program for our area.

Viva Steed, Director of Outpatient Services Unison Behavioral Health reported that there are currently 130 in their MAT program and that since the start of the program they have served 300 clients. The MAT program is complimented through group and individual therapy.

From Chat:

Jessica Frantum: We (GAP House Ministries Inc) are interested in getting more Narcan for our ministry. We have had to buy it and yes, it is very expensive. We have been trained but would love to be signed up for the next upcoming training and supplies. We have also just been Certified by GARR Georgia Association of Recovery Residences and we are interested in getting the word out that we offer long term substance abuse including opioid abuse as well as classes in parenting.

Chassity Hamilton has compiled a list containing all the contact information within the chat. If anyone is interested in receiving the list email chassity.hamilton@rolc.in

Adjournment

Laura Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 22, 2021 meeting

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