



Addiction Crisis Taskforce (ACT) Identified Strategies

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Generation Rx (ACT prioritized the importance of prevention for Manatee children)

Developed by Ohio State University's School of Pharmacy, Generation Rx was identified by LECOM students participating in Drug Free Manatee's Rx Drug Taskforce. It was edited to reflect Manatee County data and presented to Palmetto High School during 2015's Drug Facts Week. LECOM students provided Generation Rx to 7 schools (5 high schools) during 2016/17.

This summer, the 45 minutes presentation was reviewed and compared with Florida Health Standards. Meetings were held with Dr. Diana Green and Cynthia Saunders to discuss implementation in all Manatee County high schools in 2017/2018, recognizing that research indicates 80% of overdoses originated with prescription drugs. Presented to Parole Officers on June 5 (including LECOM faculty: Dr. Kersten Schroeder, Dr. Rinita Vaishnav, Dr. Nicole Greenwood) and to Anna E. Gayle Resource Center students in Palmetto on June 20.

LECOM: Introduction to Prescription Drug Abuse (ACT identified the lack of substance use disorder (SUD) education in healthcare professionals curriculum)

LECOM students questioned the lack of opioid abuse education in their studies as a response to new information they received during LECOM's Research Day presentations provided by Addiction Crisis Taskforce members. Associates developed a lecture designed for all three disciplines which includes an outline as well as PowerPoint presentation to educate LECOM medical, pharmacy and dental students about the role of healthcare providers in substance misuse and abuse. Presentation and outline have been reviewed by the following professionals: Dr. Kathleen Hitchcock, PharmD and Dr. Victoria Reinhartz, PharmD. Next step is deciding if it will be an Inter-Professional Education (IPE) lecture to all disciplines or integrated individually into pharmacy, medical and dental studies.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, PDMP (ACT cited low use of PDMP)

Working with Carrie Harter, DOH Manatee, and Becki Poston, PDMP Coordinator for the state of FL, associates created a survey to understand why fewer than 20% of healthcare providers in Manatee County are using the PDMP. The survey will be featured in the DOH Florida newsletter.

Physician Education CE/CME (ACT identified need for physician education)

Research and contacts were made in regard to MD and DO CE/CME opportunities in the area. Recognizing that Dr. Victoria Reinhartz, LECOM PharmD is providing a course in August to local physicians, associates arranged for her to provide a course to Manatee Medical Society for their CME workshop in January. Arrangements are being coordinated with Valerie Vale, Manatee Medical Society.



Addiction Crisis Taskforce Updates

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Drug Epidemiology Network (DEN)

In September of 2016, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) began work on a five-year (Sept 2016 – Oct 2021) Partnerships for Success (PFS) discretionary grant project to:

- a. Reduce prescription drug misuse among Floridians ages 12-25 and the nonmedical use of opioids among Floridians ages 26 and older;
- b. Reduce the number of accidental and intentional deaths caused by opioids; and
- c. Strengthen prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels.

One of the components of the project is to revitalize the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), where local-level drug epidemiology networks (DENs) from around the state come together to:

1. Present on drug surveillance efforts taking place in their community and;
2. Help to bring a state-level perspective on drug surveillance
3. A state-level report reflecting the work of the SEOW will be published annually, beginning in September 2017.

There are eight coalition-facilitated DENs funded by the PFS project, located in Broward, Duval, Franklin, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, Washington, Walton and **here in Manatee County – led by DF Manatee**. The goal is to collect not just data but the “right data” to create a meaningful snapshot of what is really happening in Manatee County re: opioid and prescription drug overdoses/deaths in order to identify gaps in prevention, resources and services.

Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Development

DEC is a collaborative approach to change the life trajectories of drug endangered children and break multi-generational cycles of abuse and neglect. The training looks at overcoming the challenges in aligning systems responsible for preventing, intervening and treating children and their families when drug abuse has required intervention.

In June 2016, Drug Free Manatee coordinated a Drug Endangered Children (DEC) training for Circuit 12 that was attended by 150 professionals. This past June, Drug Fee Manatee coordinated a follow-up training for trainers (TOT) for 36 Manatee and Sarasota professionals. Drug Free Manatee board member Retired Major Connie Shingledecker is the lead for DEC development. She will provide a DEC overview at the August ACT meeting along with Drug Free Manatee Board member Nathan Scott, the contact for Sarasota development. Drug Free Manatee is coordinating efforts with Florida DEC.

Opioid Use in Pregnant Women, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), and Childhood Outcomes

The Coalition will hold its first meeting on this initiative on July 24. Dr. Washington Hill is presenting and attendees will discuss 3 goals: 1) reducing the number of babies born with NAS; 2) reducing the pregnancy rate among women with substance abuse disorders (SUD); 3) creating partnerships that support peer mentor recovery programs for NAS mothers. A second meeting is scheduled August 28 at 1:00 in the Manatee Conference Room.