

State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
January 25, 2017, CT Data Collaborative Offices, Rocky Hill, CT
MEETING MINUTES

Chair: David Gregorio, UCONN Health

Participants: Alexandra Gorski, UCONN Health; Dawn Grodzki, DMHAS; Adora Harizaj, Child Health and Development Institute; Robert Heimer, Yale; Eugene Interlandi, DOT; Debora Jones, DCP; Tyler Kleykamp, OPM; Mary Lansing, DOC; Carol Meredith, DMHAS; Christine Miskell, SERAC; Stephanie Moran, DMHAS; Michelle Riordan-Nold, CT Data Collaborative; Eleni Rodis, DMHAS; Xaviel Soto, DCP; Bonnie Smith, UCONN Health; Jennifer Sussman, UCONN Health; Jane Ungemack, UCONN Health; Susan Wolfe, DMHAS; Weihai Zhan, DCF.

Via phone: Celeste Jorge, DPH; Mary Lyon, CT Hospital Association; Sara Wakai, Center for Public Health and Health Policy; Jane Ungemack, UCONN Health.

MEETING NOTES

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions (David Gregorio)	In-person attendees and phone participants introduced themselves and were welcomed and the goals of the meeting were discussed. A sign in sheet was circulated for in-person participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sign in sheet will be available at each meeting to track attendance, and a call-in number will be provided for those who need it. • Goals and objectives will be formulated and revisited over time.
2.	DMHAS Update: State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis funding opportunity (Carol Meredith, DMHAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Meredith presented on SAMHSA's "State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis" funding opportunity, which seeks to provide a total of up to \$485 million to support states to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in order to: increase treatment access; reduce unmet treatment need; and reduce opioid related deaths. • The two year grant could provide Connecticut with up to \$5.5 million annually to conduct needs assessment and strategic planning and implement evidence-based treatment and recovery supports. This is a promising opportunity for CT. • DMHAS and CT Opioid Response (CORe) have been soliciting input for the past 18 months from key stakeholders, including State agencies, not for profit prevention and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerpoint presentation made available to participants via e-mail • Anticipated award April/May 2017; DMHAS will keep the SEOW apprised of the status of DMHAS application.

		<p>treatment agencies, people in recovery and family members on the ADPC and its sub-committees, through forums, focus groups, and a public comment period, to inform strategic planning and the grant application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT is well-prepared to obtain this grant due to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) prevention, treatment, and recovery health and management subcommittees, and the CT Opioid Response (CORe) team. CM discussed the prevention/education, treatment, and recovery support/OD prevention goals and objectives of the ADPC and CORe. • CM fielded questions from the SEOW. • Discussion occurred regarding the benefits/detriments of recovery language as it related to opioids and addiction in general. Viewpoints from the medical community, prevention, treatment, public health, and self-help perspectives contributed to the discussion. • The SEOW’s potential role in NA was discussed. The compilation of indicators relevant to opioids and prescription drugs would be relevant to this initiative, which if funded could also increase available data in CT. Discussion occurred around the prescription monitoring program (PMP), opioid death data from OCME, and treatment data, through DMHAS and potentially DPH. 	
3.	<p>Overview of Open Data Initiative and Portal (Tyler Kleykamp, OPM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Kleykamp (OPM), the State’s Chief Data Officer, presented on the Open Data Initiative, Executive Order 39, and the power, value and uses of open data, and then walked SEOW participants through the CT Open Data Portal (https://data.ct.gov/), focusing on databases of potential interest to SEOW members, and various uses of available data, as well as limitations. • Discussion occurred of how the Open Data Initiative is working with various State agencies, and what challenges are faced in doing so. TK also touched on their work with the CT Data Collaborative (CTDC) http://ctdata.org/. • Michelle Riordan-Nold spoke briefly on how the CTDC’s work dovetails with and differs from that of the Open Data Initiative, and how CTDC’s mission has evolved in Connecticut’s changing data climate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerpoint presentation and Tyler Kleykamp’s contact information made available to participants via e-mail • Explore how the Open Data Initiative and CTDC (Data Academy) can strengthen capacity of SEOW members and their state agency partners, as well as DMHAS subrecipients, to utilize data • Michelle Riordan-Nold of the CT Data Collaborative will present on CTDC and ctdata.org at the April 19 SEOW meeting

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony Dias, CT Hospital Association (CHA) will present on the CHA, and data analytics to manage data quality and address population health
4.	Discussion:	<p>Discussion of the materials presented by CM and TK was based on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do these databases and initiatives interface with the CT Data Collaborative efforts? How do other data initiatives intersect with these databases? What are the issues of sustainability and validity of these databases? What are the issues within your organizations in interfacing with these data? On what occasions have you used these data? What questions have these data helped answer? How do you make these data real for your constituents and stakeholders? What barriers do you see to public use of your organization's data? How can these barriers be alleviated? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential indicators relevant to this problem will continue to be compiled and evaluated based on the criteria presented and established at this meeting. A complete list of additional data sources and indicators, as well as an updated indicator list based on this discussion will be circulated at the next SEOW meeting.
5.	SEOW Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to share information and facilitate linkages between data sources, initiatives and resources Learn more about available data relevant to SEOW members Explore ways to use CT's existing resources to strengthen data capacity of state agency partners and prevention and treatment initiatives 	
6.	2017 Meeting Schedule and Adjourn	<p>Next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 19, 2017, 10 am - 12 noon, Exchange Offices July 26, 2017, 10 am - 12 noon, CT Data Collaborative Offices October 18, 2017, 10 am - 12 noon, TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the change in location for the April 19th meeting.

Meeting Accomplishments:

- Increased knowledge of existing and potential resources to address opioid and non-medical use of prescription drugs (NMUPD) in CT;

- Enhanced understanding of key open data resources available to state agencies and the public;
- Exploration of the SEOW's potential role in addressing opioid use and NMUPD, as well as substance abuse and public health in general, as it relates to existing and proposed data and data-driven initiatives;
- Linkages between members;
- Identification of data sources relevant to the work of the SEOW;
- Exploration of potential capacity building resources for state agencies and initiatives;
- Meaningful next steps identified with regard to data utilization and linkages.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 10 am – 12 noon, UCONN Exchange Offices, Suite 173, 270 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06030-6325