State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
Wednesday June 20, 2018, 10 am - noon
CT Data Collaborative Offices, Rocky Hill, CT
MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Jane Ungemack, UConn Health

Participants: Susan Bouffard, DMHAS; Robin Cox, DMHAS; Jenna Daly, CT Data Collaborative; Andrea Duarte, DMHAS; Dawn Grodzki, DMHAS; Eugene Interlandi, DOT; Debora Jones, DCP; Shawn Lang, AIDS CT; Mary Lansing, DOC**;** Valerie Maignan, DCP; Carol Meredith, DMHAS; Christine Miskell, SERAC; Fawatih Mohamed-Abouh, UConn Health; Stephanie Moran, DMHAS; David Rentler, Board of Pardons and Parole; Michelle Riordan-Nold, CT Data Collaborative; Eleni Rodis, DMHAS; Melissa Sienna, DCF; Bonnie Smith, UConn Health; Jennifer Sussman, UConn Health; Jane Ungemack, UConn Health; Smruit Vartak, CT Transportation Safety Research Ctr.; Janice Vendetti, UConn Health; Sandra Violette, DOC; Sara Wakai, UConn Health; Jenifer Wogen, UConn Health.

Via phone: Mary Lyon, CHA; Celeste Jorge, DPH; Linda Goodman, Office of Early Childhood.

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome/Action
I.	Welcome and Introductions (Jane Ungemack)	In-person attendees and phone participants introduced themselves and were welcomed by Jane Ungemack. Overall, there were 29 participants in this meeting; 26 in person attendees and 3 attendees were on the phone. A sign in sheet was circulated for in-person participants. Jane discussed the goals of the meeting and encouraged members to be interactive and help facilitate the exchange of data and information between agencies. She also shared a few comments about the SEOW Prevention Data Portal, which is a new product of the SEOW, and the main subject of today's meeting.	• Member participation and interactivity are encouraged • 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. • Meeting minutes will be disseminated to the group.
II.	DMHAS Update (Carol Meredith, DMHAS)	***ADPC Presentation:*** Carol Meredith described the role of the SEOW and its utilization. She gave description of Jane's presentation at the ADPC meeting in mid-April of this year, followed by a brief description of the ADPC and its role. The presentation was well received; it provided data about multiple substances, not only Opioids, and it generated discussion among the ADPC membership. ***Federal Site Visit:*** Carol also gave update about the Federal Block Grant Site Visit. The majority of our dollars is coming from this grant. The goal of the site visit was to check how we spent the money and to verify if we need any technical assistance of any kind.	• DMHAS will share the strategic plan with the SEOW after feedback is received from the federal GPO and team. • The SEOW will continue to provide input on data priorities, as well as facilitate access to data. • CPES will provide regular SEOW and data updates to the ADPC.

		Another main goal is to verify our processes and tools in assessing and identifying needs. Do we have data driven outcomes or not? Are we adopting a data guided planning model or not? Are we adhere to strategic planning components and structure? Questions like this were the main target of the site visit. From our side, we presented our prepared strategic plan. The plan came after identifying priority substances and the setting up of measures. The plan was presented as a score grid; DMHAS will share the plan with the SEOW after we receive a feedback from the federal site visitors. Important enough, DMHAS complies with the guidelines and the grant requirements. Our expectation is to have a feedback before September 2018. ***RBHAOs:*** DMHAS formed Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations in March 1st 2018. They are an outcome of the integration of the former Regional Action Councils (RACs) and the Regional Mental Health Boards (RMHBs). The combined entities focus on both Substance Abuse (SA) and Mental Health (MH) issues, as well as gambling. They assess the needs for MH and SA prevention and treatment. RBHAOs will utilize the SEOW Portal and resources as they undertake their regional priority setting process.	
III.	Discussion (Multiple members)	***ADPC presentation:*** Jane Ungemack, UConn Health, elaborated on the ADPC presentation, and highlighted the importance of focus on other substances besides Opioids. She discussed her efforts to present data from different sources to which the SEOW members facilitated access. ADPC feedback indicated a need for more data on the elderly, who are less visible in some systems but have a high need for services. ***RBHAOs:*** Melissa Sienna, DCF, mentioned that Northeast and Midwest CT regions are seeing emerging prevalence of and concern about Methamphetamines, which may temporarily supplant the focus on Opioids for RBHAOs in these regions. Carol asserted that the RBHAOs will be tasked with highlighting and prioritizing all issues in their regional jurisdictions, not just Opioids. ***Emerging Issues and Potential Data Linkages:*** • Shawn Lang, Aids CT, revealed that there is a growing concern about the use of Amphetamines in CT especially among males in sex parties (as reported by AIDS New Haven). • Jane Ungemack, UConn Health, made the point that we rely mostly on mortality data to drive commitment to and evaluate the Opioid problem. The OCME data does not show the impact on younger users, the way that Emergency	• CPES will reach out to Shawn Lang to discuss the prospect of sharing the Overdose Workgroup variable recommendations for EMS and Narcan distribution. • CPES will follow up with DPH and find out more about the content and potential utilization of the Syndromic Surveillance system for data access and reporting.

| | | Department, EMS, and Naloxone administration data would. There is a need for better data to help us to intervene earlier and target resources more effectively.
• One issue is the lack of consistent, often voluntary, reporting of use at time of Naloxone administration. There are many entities in CT that distribute Narcan and there is no reporting mandate, unlike other states, for providers or end users in the community.
• Celeste Jorge, DPH, discussed a proposed central reporting system that captures all Narcan distribution and prescribing. This reporting system is mainly coming from Baltimore, and there is Syndromic Surveillance System utilized by DPH, which tracks overdoses and other data.
• Shawn Lang noted that the Overdose Workgroup came up with a set of variables for this purpose.
• Andrea Duarte, DMHAS, mentioned that the Injury program at DMHAS had a grant to collect data from EMS.
• Shawn Lang also mentioned that an initiative/project by UConn Health (Peter Canning) studies drug combinations in the OCME data, such as the combinations of Benzodiazepines and Alcohol. | |
| IV. | The SEOW Prevention Data Portal Demonstration

(Jennifer Sussman, CPES; Michelle Riordan-Nold & Jenna Daly, CT Data Collaborative) | Jennifer Sussman and Michelle Riordan-Nold presented on the SEOW Prevention Data Portal. The presentation highlighted the collaboration between CPES and the Data Collaborative in development and construction of the Portal. CTDC highlighted their own site, their Data Academy, and other CTData mechanisms for enhancement of data capacity in the state. Michelle called the group's attention to an upcoming free workshop in Hartford by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Their focus is to make data public and usable.

Jennifer provided an overview of the mission of the Portal, its purpose and role in CPES strategic plan, and discussed and the SEOW's role in informing, feeding, and guiding the Portal.

Jenna Daly of CTData demonstrated the layout, features, and functionality of the Portal, including the State level Epidemiological Profiles. Jane highlighted the role of different sorts of relevant behavioral health and connective such as DOC data and DOT data. | • Portal presentation will be distributed again to SEOW members following the meeting.

• SEOW members were directed to the Data Portal webpage for further information, and their feedback on content, functionality, and next steps is requested.

• The SEOW will continue to provide input on data priorities, as well as facilitate access to data.

• CPES will consider formation of a Portal user group to focus on |

		Jennifer strongly encouraged SEOW members to explore the Portal offerings and provide feedback on the relevance of developed products/data to inform their agencies. Next steps for the SEOW Portal are to increase dataset level data, with CTData visualization functionality, and to develop and data-related products, including annotated charts and info briefs, for the benefit of end-users at various levels of data knowledge. The Portal will benefit greatly from targeted feedback from SEOW membership and other end users. SEOW members will be asked to weigh in on the types and forms of data that would benefit the work of different agencies. Lack of standardization of data aggregation across agencies (different planning regions, etc.) is a barrier to data sharing that can be addressed through the sharing of this type of information. Multiple agencies are also doing their own separate work to clean and organize publicly available data (OCME data is one example), resulting in inconsistencies and duplication of efforts. Joint efforts between agencies/organizations and sharing/comparison of cleaning protocols will result in increased efficiency and comparability for all data efforts. CPES and CT Data have already combined efforts to clean OCME data, and CT Data has written a blog post about the challenges of cleaning and preparation of the OCME data. Robin Cox from DMHAS mentioned that FDA website has detailed report about specific communities. This will give us the opportunity to expand and add more Indicators and links to our regional/local reports.	informing and enhancing Portal functionality and offerings. • CPES will continue to utilize SEOW discussion and information gathering to identify relevant data aggregation/groupings and address barriers to data comparability across agencies. • CPES will reach out to Robin Cox, DMHAS, for more information on the FDA report, and share information with the SEOW.
V.	Participant Updates	• Andrea Duarte from DMHAS and Shawn Lang from Aids CT gave updates about EMS and Narcan distribution. • Celeste Jorge from DPH discussed the newly available YRBSS data, and announced that the State's tobacco survey has been de-funded. • Jane Ungemack mentioned CPES work with SAMHSA to gain access to state specific NSDUH data, which would enable CPES and others to conduct state-specific and relational analyses. • Valerie Maignan announced that the DCP published a report on the most recent CPMRS (PDMP) data on their website. Jane requested a meeting to discuss further collaboration with DCP around the CPMRS data. • Eleni Rodis discussed a DMHAS-DOC study on problem gambling in CT's prison population. Many projects and Principal Investigators work with Office of Early	• Other SEOW members will be encouraged to share information on their initiatives at upcoming SEOW meetings. • Plan for a meeting with DCP and CPES/UConn Health to discuss collaboration, and CPES will reach out to DCP to share the calculated County rates of Controlled Substances with CPES and the SEOW

		Childhood and DCF to examine this issue. There is a high need to have more data from other agencies. • A question arose regarding the Open Data Portal and Initiative as a potential resource for data sharing and access. CPES will reach out to Tyler Kleykamp, OPM Open Data Initiative, to discuss collaboration toward facilitation of SEOW data sharing and access.	• CPES will invite Tyler Kleykamp of the Open Data Initiative to join in the next SEOW meeting to participate in the discussion of data sharing and access. • Jane Ungemack/CPES will follow up Dave Rentler from Pardons and Parole and DOC about data that could potentially be presented or shared.
VI.	SEOW Next Steps	SEOW members will convene again September 19th, 2018, 10 am to noon. CTData is moving its offices to Constitution Plaza, Hartford, so the CERC offices where SEOW meetings have been held, may not be a long term option. Location of the September meeting is TBD.	• Meeting minutes, Portal presentation, and information on the September meeting will be sent out to the group in the following weeks. • CPES and DMHAS will identify key elements and presenters for the September meeting, and advise SEOW members once these elements are solidified. • Next meeting September 19. 2018.

Meeting Accomplishments

- The SEOW Prevention Data Portal was presented to the SEOW for response and feedback.
- SEOW role as an advisory resource and driver of the SEOW Prevention Data Portal was solidified, including the possibility of a Portal User Group to provide targeted, ongoing feedback.
- Potential data sources and linkages were identified, and next steps in exploring access were established;

Next Meetings

- Wednesday, September 19, 2018
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018