Washington County Health Coalition June General Meeting 10 am

Agenda Items:

- Community Resource Updates and Networking
- Action Plan Updates and Debriefing
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Misuse
- Community Health Updates
- Collaboration Opportunities

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Attending: (see attached sign-in sheet) Agenda Items and Minutes:

- Community Resource Updates and Networking
 - TR Dudley, GMHC, is attending workshop next week to help rewrite WORC grant to create healthcare job pipeline. WCAD will be the lead applicant.
 - Debby Bust and Angie Robinson, WCCP, are anticipating a grant from the Department of Mental Health to fund 2 community healthcare worker positions at the partnership. They have also been able to hire a part time mentor for Department of Youth Service clients. The partnership is also working on finding contractors to install new playground equipment at the city park. WCCP is also preparing to lease property it purchased next door to a sober living organization, Clean Sweep. It will be able to house 7 women and a caretaker after property improvements. Lastly, the partnership received a donation that will allow them to purchase the Larry Rice property. This purchase will provide a location for unsheltered persons in Washington County.
 - Sheila Sappington is taking notes for the health department.
 - Jeff Richards attended for the SB40 board. He leads case management for Washington County and several

surrounding counties. Jeff informed the coalition that the SB40 board is anticipating receiving funding from a CDC Linkability Grant focusing on health disparities among those with disabilities received by the University of Missouri Kansas City. This grant will allow the local SB40 board to study accessibility in Washington county, and to reward mini grants to local organizations with projects planned to address accessibility by those with disabilities.

Judge John Rupp, Laurie Wood, and Jacy Coleman attended on behalf of the 24th district court. Jacey leads a family treatment court initiative, Laurie is the drug court administrator. Judge Rupp presides over adult cases in Washington county drug court and family court. Judge Rupp recommended books, Dreamland and The Least of Us by Sam Quinones, to help members of the coalition to better understand the role drugs play in rural America. He also informed us of a new subgroup of meth coming out of Mexico called P2P, that mimics schizophrenia, and is not pseudoephedrine based. Jacy Coleman encouraged attendees to refer any family in the area to her that have lost their children due to substance misuse. The program she leads to meant to address those families' unique struggles. She is also working along side community health care worker from Great Mines Health Center to address family needs. In addition to the information provided by Jacy and Judge Rupp, Laurie Wood shared that the 24th circuit would like to see a community center for those in recovery be developed to better support people in recovery. TR suggested the American Legion

Hall may be a great opportunity for this community center.

- Kelly Brueggen, from WCMH, shared information about DRCHSD grant and its purpose within the community.
- Bev Williams, director for a local HRSA opioid implementation grant and WCMH employee, shared the success of her grant thus far. Under the grant, Washington county has gone from 0 Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) providers to 12. The program was also able to treat 232 patients. 160 stuck with the program past their third month, which is considered a milestone in opioid recovery. 66 even consented to and received behavioral health support as a part of their MAT recovery. She shared that WCMH has received word we will receive a grant to address a sub group of grants addressing the opioid crisis, that addresses the use of psychostimulants, such as meth, or P2P.

• Action Plan Updates and Debriefing

- Mental Health
 - TR was able to share the mental health groups vision of having a crisis center regionally and in the community, and invited coalition members to join the mental health group in touring a crisis center in Rolla, Missouri on July 19th at 10am. The mental health group is also looking at funding to address housing issues for those with mental illnesses.
- Substance Misuse
 - Kelly shared that the substance misuse is continuing consolidating and simplifying a listing of available

community resources. They are using the Washington county guide, an updated guide provided by the WCCP, and findhelp.org to make a comprehensive guide, and will ideally make the guide more search engine friendly for those searching for help online.

• Community Health Updates

- See collaboration notes
- Collaboration Opportunities
 - Kelly briefly shared part of an incomplete draft proposal with recommended consolidations of grant deliverables and community goals. This proposal would cut back on meetings and streamline communication among partners. See attachment.

• Adjournment

 The group debated returning to the coalition's pre-covid practice of meeting at 12pm following the WCCP general meeting the second Thursday of the month. Discussion was tabled due to a disagreement on virtual vs. in-person meetings. WCCP meetings are currently via zoom. The decision was made that the wider group is going to be polled to see which meeting time and location works best for coalition members. There will be no July general meeting, due to the fourth of July holiday.

Washington County Health Organizations

Meeting Consolidations



WCMH

Primary 5 Human Services Providers for Washington County

WCAD

Washington

County

Partnership

Health

Department

- Due to large impoverished population, grant work is necessary to improve conditions, and offer new services
- Most new federal and state grants require evidence of active community collaboration as a grant deliverable and/or a requirement for funding
- Broader the active partnership network = a stronger grant application

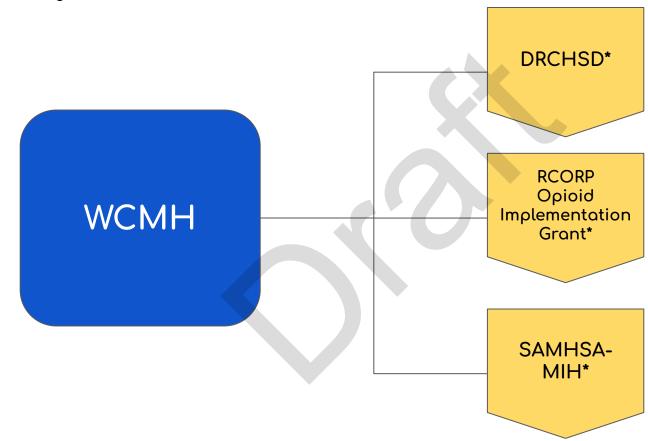
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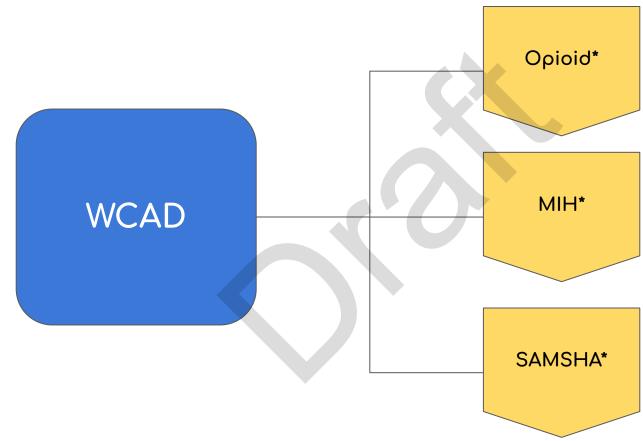
- COVID disrupted regular networking and impromptu collaboration
- Staffing changes
- Meetings and Collabs began happening in silos
- Meetings and Collabs were often repetitive and centered around the same topics simply to meet grant requirements
- Meetings held separately by multiple organizations on the same topic confused both staff and community
 - Bred mistrust, prevented transparency

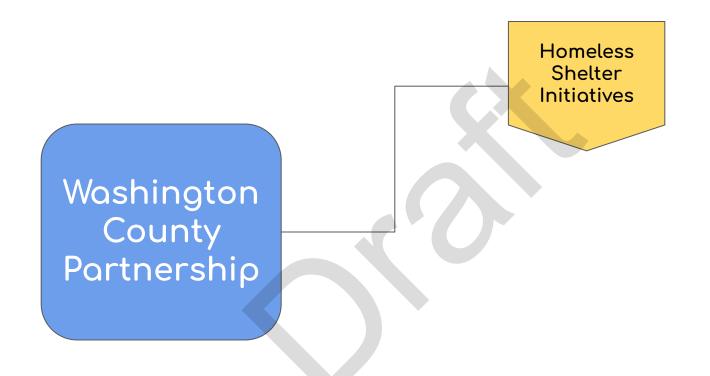
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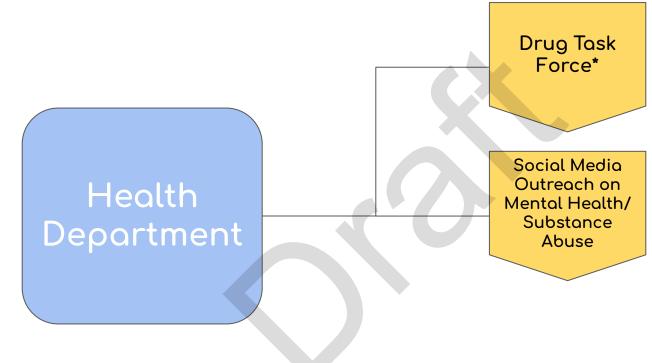
- Identify grant deliverables and organization needs
- Consolidate meetings by topic wherever possible
- Expand all Health Coalition meetings to include more community partners
- Reserve existing quarterly Health Consortium group for the leaders of the main five county organizations. Proposed:
 - Consortium acts as steering committee and primary funding source for larger health coalition
 - Any new grants requiring multiple community health organizations as partners must go through consortium

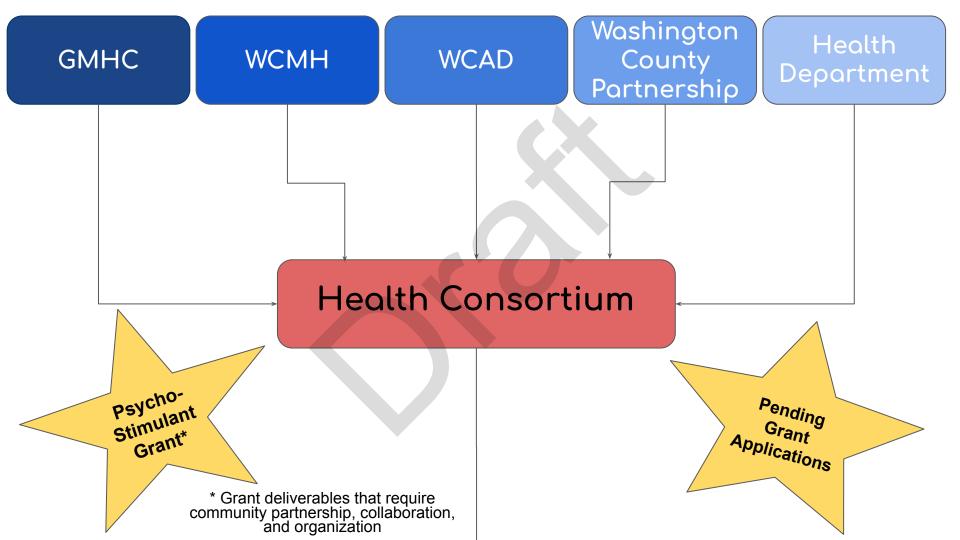












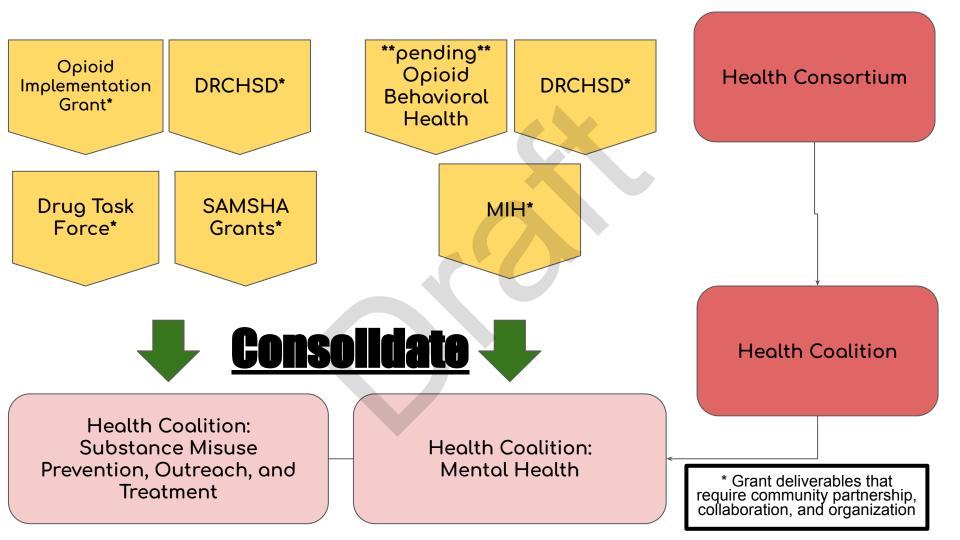


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Mental Health

Substance Misuse

GMHC Delta Grant



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