

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

STRATEGIC PLAN

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES

2014-2016

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UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

Local councils are established under Chapters 237 and 238 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 2004, which provided for each county to have a local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council. Their purpose is to develop the plans, strategies, and priorities of each county for meeting the identified needs of the general public and the criminal justice system for alcohol and drug abuse evaluation, prevention, intervention and treatment.

Critical to a successful strategic plan is the on-going implementation of evidence-based practices, data driven decision-making, accountability measures, and the coordination of core social services that deliver addiction services. The plan will need to address issues that transcend any one agency or organization. While the tasks of the council sound ambitious and challenging, it represents a great opportunity to ensure that Queen Anne's County is providing the most effective, and cost efficient prevention, intervention, and treatment services to its citizens.

VISION

Our community will enjoy a healthy, safe, substance-free Queen Anne's County.

MISSION

To ensure the availability of high quality educational and behavioral health services across the continuum of prevention, intervention, and treatment resources for all citizens of Queen Anne's County.

SUPPLEMENTAL

By reference, we include the Local Survey of Resources Matrix and Local Opiate Overdose Prevention Plan Mid-Shore counties for supporting and directional guidance.

PRIORITIES

1. To provide prevention strategies/services to effect reduction in the harmful effects of the abuse of drugs and alcohol.
2. To facilitate community involvement to remove barriers to successful recovery and develop a county-wide supportive environment to ensure positive outcomes.
3. To provide a working environment that is open/effective communication between stakeholders - a council which is dedicated to coordinating and identifying gaps within existing resources. Working then to assist each other in filling these gaps.

GOAL#1

(Prevention)

Reduce/eliminate drug and alcohol use by imposing consistent consequences for youth, adults, and businesses that disregard the laws.

Objective #1

Conduct compliance checks and issue citations to retailers selling alcohol and/or tobacco to minors.

TARGET: Identify funding for Law Enforcement Officers to conduct (71 hours min.) compliance checks.

Objective #2 Promote consistent consequences for juvenile alcohol/drug violators, throughout the violation discovery event, including within municipal and circuit court systems, through consistent prosecution and adjudication.

TARGET: Increase the number of juvenile cases (ages 12-18) by 10% that receive consistent consequences for alcohol/drug use.

Objective #3 Enhance Law Enforcement's capacity and commitment to enforce all substance laws.

TARGET: Identify funding for Law Enforcement Officers to do a minimum of 220 hours of saturation patrols.

Objective #4 Enhance community awareness of the consequences related to social hosting for underage youth.

TARGET: Identify funding for the "Be The Wall" media campaign and related educational materials to reach 25% of households with children in the community.

Objective #5 Enhance Law Enforcement's capacity to enforce alcohol laws at community celebrations, recreational activities and underage drinking parties.

TARGET: Identify funding to train (one day for 6-8 hours) 5-10 Law Enforcement Officers on how to enforce Underage Drinking Laws in the community.

Objective #6 Support and encourage "Drug Free Queen Anne's Coalition"

TARGET: Engage in the supervision and identification of funding to implement and support its activities.

JULY 2014 –December 2014 Up-Date:

Objective #1: SPF funding paid for overtime for MD State Police and the Cadet to conduct Alcohol Compliance Checks. From 1/1/14 – 6/7/14, MSP conducted 10.5 hours of alcohol compliance checks visiting 30 businesses. As of 12/31/14, MSP has not conducted any Alcohol Compliance Checks.

Objective #2:

Teen Court - Legal

- Jan.- June 2014 = 14 cases: 13 alcohol/drug screenings; 529 community service hours; 49 jury duties; 1 Detention Center tour
- July-Dec. 2014 =16 cases: 13 alcohol/drug screenings; 516 community service hours; 50 jury duties; 2 apology letters; 1 Detention Center tour

Board of Education –School

- **KIHS Homecoming:** Two youth overdosed on alcohol and were rushed to the hospital. One youth had to be resuscitated twice. Three other youth were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.
- **QACHS Homecoming:** Two youth were under the influence of alcohol in school. The School Resource Officer plans to cite the youth.

Objective #3: SPF funding is paying for overtime for QAC Office of the Sheriff and the MD State Police to conduct Saturation Patrols. Note: SPF funding for the supplemental grant was not approved until October 31, 2014.

- Jan. 2014 to June 7, 2014 the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff conducted 109.5 hours of Saturation Patrols (totaling 278.5 man hours).
- July 2014- Dec. 2014, the QAC Office of the Sheriff reported 32 hours of Saturation Patrols (totaling 160 man hours)

- July-Dec. 2014, the MSP did not conduct any Saturation Patrols

Objective #4: Multiple mechanisms have been utilized to disseminate the Be The Wall message including but not limited to local newspaper ads and articles, Back to School Nights, various speaking opportunities in the community, speaking to all 6-12 grade students, two billboards, social media (e.g., SPF Video/YouTube/DFC FaceBook Page)

SPF funding was obtained through the Prevention Office. QAC was one of the first counties/coalitions in the state of MD to start implementing their underage drinking environmental strategies to reduce underage drinking. For FY'14, a total of \$76,660 was granted. In FY'15, a total of \$153,320 was awarded, doubling the previous year (2014) amount of funding.

Objective #5: On 12/3/14, Kathy Wright, Prevention/SPF Coordinator coordinated Alcohol Enforcement Training for Law Enforcement from four counties and Washington College. The training was held from 4 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the QAC Office of the Sheriff. David Falicenni and Bill Morrison from the National Alcohol Enforcement Training Center facilitated the training. Thirty Law Enforcement Officers/Cadets/Explorers attended the training: [7 QAC Sheriff Office; 11 QAC MSP; 1 Kent County Sheriff; 4 Washington Colleges officers; 3 Caroline County Sheriff Office; 4 Dorchester County Sheriff Office]. The Prevention and SPF Coordinators (4) from Caroline and Kent attended too. Kathy Wright, Prevention/SPF Coordinator also attended. Dinner was catered for all attendee's. CEU's were awarded to all Law Enforcement. The evaluations completed by Law Enforcement indicated the training was excellent and should be held again.

Objective #6: An additional \$76,660 over the first \$76,660 SPF funding was awarded to the "Drug-Free Queen Anne's Coalition" in FY'15.

GOAL#2

(Intervention)

Partner with appropriate community entities to reinforce the "No Use is the Norm" message for illicit drug use and under-age alcohol use.

Objective #1: Decrease availability of alcohol by partnering with appropriate authorities to establish guidelines and procedures for imposing graduated sanctions on businesses cited for selling alcohol to minors.

TARGET: Identify regional Best Practices among Eastern Shore counties related to sales to minors along with authority for establishing sanctions (i.e., state vs. local authority). Partner with local groups, e.g. Sheriff, State Police, Liquor Board, local restaurant owners, to educate and inform.

- >Improve form for 1-day liquor license
- >Enhance graduated sanctions
- > Create data base re: infractions/sanctions

Objective #2: Support an increase in the productivity/number of liquor inspection personnel

(currently 0.5 FTE).

TARGET: Increase the number and frequency of unannounced inspections.

Estimated Dollar amount needed (or received) to accomplish goal: N/A

January 2015 Update:

Objective 1:

- Annual Liquor License Form: the form was created and is handed out with every annual liquor license.
- Additionally, the one-day liquor license holders are also giving the recommendations from the “Drug-Free Queen Anne’s Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking” every time they apply for a one-day liquor license.
- Graduated Sanctions: The Liquor Board has enhanced graduated liquor sanctions for retailers. However, they will not set them in stone. They consider all mitigating circumstances.
- Data Base: A data base was created with sanctions and infractions.
- Discussions were held about the possibility of funding additional liquor inspection personnel. The Liquor Board voted to make a recommendation to the County Commissioners that the Jurisdiction needs enforcement arm.
- NOTE: the Liquor Board has been without a Liquor Inspector since June 2014. As of 1/6/15, the county plans to interview seven possible candidates for the Liquor Inspector position in the next couple of weeks.
- Liquor Inspections in calendar year 2014 total zero.

GOAL#3

(Treatment)

Ensure the availability of the appropriate level of care (within ASAM criteria) for all citizens of Queen Anne's County in need of substance abuse/dependence treatment, consistent with nationally recognized standards of care.

Objective #1:

Sustain the current American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of service within the jurisdiction given limited private providers.

TARGET: Queen Anne's County will have available for its citizens the current level of substance abuse/dependency treatment, including: assessment, Level I and Level 11.1, treatment services, services for those with Co-occurring disorders, and, as appropriate, referrals to higher levels of care.

Objective #2:

Restore availability of inpatient detoxification and residential treatment on demand (approximately 10 slots for such care) by identifying funding to include adequate capacity for adolescents and those with concurrent psychiatric and substance use disorders.

TARGET: Restore ability to provide approximately 265 Intermediate Care Facility bed days (dependent upon volume needed for detox).

Objective #3:

Continue to develop community resources designed to facilitate referrals for and success to supportive, sober housing to enhance the individual's opportunity to engage in and sustain a recovering lifestyle (Recovery Oriented Systems of Care).

TARGET: Play a leadership role in the development of sober housing programs in and around the jurisdiction.

Objective #4:

Facilitate Medication Assisted Treatment by increasing the availability of suboxone providers and funding for same.

JANUARY, 2015 UPDATE: Funds have been allocated in FY '15 to purchase detox/ICF treatment slots along with ½ way housing and additional sober housing (with facilities located within and outside the jurisdiction). Additional service contracts have been executed with sober housing facilities as well as ½ way houses. The jurisdiction still has 3 physicians prescribing suboxone with two prescribing Vivitrol.

As the Behavioral Health Administration's guidance and directives regarding the provision of direct care by local health departments continues to change the funding strategies and plans, the jurisdiction will adjust its goal and objectives accordingly.

MID-SHORE OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PLAN

(Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's & Talbot Counties)

January 2015 Up-Date

It need be noted that the two goals established in the Mid-Shore Opioid Overdose Prevention Plan (decrease Opioid-related overdoses and deaths and reduce accessibility to prescription medications) cite 2016 as the target date. It is, therefore, premature to expect substantial progress toward the achievement of these goals.

That being said, strategies implemented to move forward include:

- >Prescription Drug Take-Back two annual take back events continue to be utilized in Queen Anne's County; Additionally, a permanent drop-off site is in place for citizens to dispose of unused medications at the local sheriff's department.
- >Queen Anne's County, under the medical supervision of the health officer (who is also the medical director for EMS) has trained a number of deputies in the sheriff's office on the use of Narcan, which they now carry as part of their standard equipment.
- >In anticipation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program's identification of issues related to over-prescribing, "doctor-shopping", and/or the use by individuals of multiple pharmacies to access medications, each jurisdiction along with various state authorities need to prepare a response plan.
- >January '15: Counties can each apply for up to \$160,000 for an "Opioid Misuse Prevention Grant Program". Since the Mid-Shore prepared its Opioid Overdose Prevention Plan as a region, the five counties will be applying for these funds as a region. The grant application must be consistent with Strategic Prevention Framework model and is due January 21, 2015.