

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report June 2016

Work Group Name: Provider Education

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Work Group Meeting Schedule: Conference call dates: 6/14/16, 6/30/16 4-5 PM.

- Summary of meetings/activities:
 - Dr Gosy returned to work in office with court approval for limited practice. No prescribing and supervised procedures.
 - WNY acute pain management guidelines written by Dr Whitney and Dr Updike. Will be sent out to Physician networks, and Erie County Medical Society for comments as part of final approval. Want to ensure this is a medical community document. Distribution then to office practices as guidelines (not mandate).
 - July 30th chronic pain management conference being organized to help primary care physicians manage inherited patients from pain specialists. IHA taking the lead in organizing conference. Joint collaboration with all WNY health plans (IHA, BCBS, Univera, Fidelis, YourCare) and hospital systems (CHS, Kaleida, ECMC), physician networks (CMP, OPA), and ECDOH (thru Tower Foundation grant). UB will provide CMEs. Erie County Medical Society will aggressively promote to physicians. Training location at UB School of Pharmacy. Title: Inheriting the Pharmacotherapy of Patients with chronic pain, The Good, The Bad, and the Feasible. Guest speaker Dr. Doug Gourlay: Addiction/Pain management specialist from Toronto. Dr. Paul Updike will also speak
 - Crisis services hotline launch target date 8/1/2016. Process is hiring counselors and supervisor ongoing. Also, need volunteer Angels for REAP program. So far 13 police agencies participating. At first Angels training there were 35 attendees. Will hold 2nd training on a Saturday.
 - Review of quickly passed NYState Opioid related legislation.