

Patient and Community Education Work Group
September 10, 2008
3:00-4:30 Rm 212 of Human Services Building

Present:

Benjamin Reaves, co-chair
Kay Denton, Leonardo
Joe Andrade, Leonardo
Ryan Dick, Student of Pharmacy (University of Southern Nevada)
Charlotte Vincent, Division of Aging
Terri Russo, Salt Lake County Substance Abuse
Leah Ann Lamb, DEQ Division of Water Quality
Leigh Ann Turner, Workers Compensation Fund
Jason Carlton, Vanguard
Jonathan Anderson, UDOH Rx Pain Med Program
Darlene Benson, Medicaid—Chronic Pain Program
Thomas Jones, Medicaid
Abbie Vianes, Salt Lake City Coalition
Kevin Wyatt, Division of Insurance Fraud
Josh Caless, Division of Insurance Fraud
Nancy Cheeney, UDOH, Medicaid Restriction Program
Andy Murphy, Lifesource

Agenda:

- 1. The Leonardo—Kay Denton and Joe Andrade**
- 2. Pharmaceutical Disposal Update—Leah Ann Lamb**
- 3. Vanguard Media Update—Jason Carlton**
- 4. Group Updates**

The Leonardo—Kay Denton and Joe Andrade

Harriman has a community display right now (we can go see it)
Science on wheels is a traveling display that is aimed at middle schoolers.
Science presentation: Birth and Death
Science and engineering fair: if you'd like to be a judge, contact Kay.
Working on community events to enlarge audience beyond middle schools. We want to participate in events/conferences so that people can start asking questions. We are the warm-up act while you are the headliners.

We do interactive media. Focus on science. By getting students to gain the science and critical thinking skills, they become more receptive to asking questions and seeking answers. More receptive to our public health messages.

Part of the science and math curriculum—not focused on health—we want to bridge that gap and show how the curriculum is connected to everything. Goal is to get people asking questions.

In the process of going out to more community events—if we know of events that are coming up.

Terri: Saturday, Sept 20 Recovery Day at the Gallivan Center (see www.dsamh.utah.gov scroll down to “events”) sponsored by Utah substance abuse recovery alliance (USARA)

Leah Ann: number of different events focusing on Choose Clean Air. If you are looking for other agencies to connect with that have a health focus (but maybe not a drug focus) you can work with us at DEQ.

Joe: Focused heavily on working on a media on drugs.

Kay: We are very concerned with sustainability.

Charlotte: will send contact about asthma committee

Joe: Think of us as a potential resource.

Department of Environmental Quality—Leah Ann Lamb

Environment is showing impacts from the medications that are put down the drain (including the things that are passed through our bodies). Can tell in the field which are due to synthetic hormones vs. natural hormones.

We’ve appreciated being included in this program—working with Abbie on the Clean out the cabinet press events, being connected to the Useonlyasdirected.org website, etc.

Utah is way ahead of the requirements on testing the presence of pharmaceuticals in water.

Through grants we have a disposal box at every sheriff sub-station in the valley.

Right now this is the only option we have—pharmacies aren’t allowed to take back drugs.

DEA is requesting letters and need approvals of every law enforcement with a disposal box

DEQ requires disposal boxes to go through a protocol: evidence test, 2 witnesses, has to be incinerated, report on lbs to us.

Work group on proper disposal: DOPL, DEA, UDOH, DEQ, Salt Lake City Utility, Salt Lake County.

Take back program has an exception for household hazardous waste (police are hired to show up and collect it).

Want to have one site in the state for everyone who has a disposal program.

We would like to see the general public be able to return unused drugs to the pharmacy for disposal. Nationally there are some obstacles.

~50lbs a month are collected in Salt Lake City.

We have \$20,000 (for about 20 more boxes in the state), so if we know of enforcement groups that may be willing to start one of these, let me know.

Utah has to figure out how to move forward. National laws may take years before they come around.

Rules could be changed in the Pharmacy practice act.

Need to have a tracking method for take back (for example: sign a paper and get a receipt if you take back 100 oxycontin).

Ways to help: suggestions on where to put brochures, send Erin emails with ideas and she will get the info to Leah Ann.

Idea: add a surcharge on prescriptions so that it will pay for a record to be kept of the meds that are taken in.

Vanguard Update—Jason Carlton

Finished the collateral materials (Jason sent samples around).

Have distributed these to local substance abuse coordinators throughout the state.

These are available to anyone if you have a plan of how to distribute them.

We are making presentations to various groups in order to educate.

October 19-25 We will have a Campaign Awareness Week (tied in with National Pharmacy Week)

What we've planned:

Editorial board tour (print, TV, radio media outlets to encourage them to do editorial's during that week)

Kick-off press event that Monday morning

Chalk drawings around the community

Portable traveling displays (to put up in office buildings, malls, libraries)—let us know if you have ideas of places to display them
Bookmark (libraries, other areas)

Abbie: has a contact with the Smith's

Kay: 3rd floor of the downtown library is always willing to put things on display

Terri: Aging conference in October

Darlene: Work force services put in their offices

Ryan: 233 students practicing in different settings (clinical, ambulatory, community care, pharmacies, etc.) we can distribute materials.

Ben: during Red Ribbon Week we could hand out materials

Darlene: Wayne County Community Health Center want materials

Kevin: do a booth at Drug Endangered Children Conference (call: Margie Searcy)

Updates from the group:

Launched SLC Clean Out the Cabinet campaign (two weeks ago). Lots of media coverage. Videotaping team was there so channel 17 will show the press conference. Water bills will also show the websites for useonlyasdirected.org and the medication disposal website (www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov)