**DENs Meeting**

06/28/2023

11:30 – 1:00 PM

<https://ccafl.adobeconnect.com/duvaldens>

**Present:**

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| Last Name | First Name | Organization |
| Anthony | Wendy | Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida |
| Austin | Deanna | LSFHS |
| Avinger | Jannie |  |
| Babin | Deborah | NF HIDTA |
| Bell | Abbie | Project Opioid JAX |
| Betros | Bobby | SwabTek |
| Boykin | Kimberly | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Carlin | Sherry | LSFHS |
| Cason | Michelle | Rebel Recovery Jacksonville |
| Castillo | Nancy | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Custodio | Hannah | Community Coalition Alliance Inter |
| Delano | Scott | NF HIDTA |
| Dilorenzo | Marlo | Community Coalition Alliance Inter |
| Dussia | Bryce | Community Coalition Alliance Inter |
| Freeman | Rachel | LSFHS |
| George | TSgt. Rob | Florida National Guard, DDRO |
| Gomez | Taylor |  |
| Harcourt | Michelle | Fresh Ministries |
| Harris | Ca’Lia | FDOH-Nassau |
| Hines | Michele | LSF Inter |
| Huffman | Heather | DOH Clay |
| Kurta | Joe |  |
| Luter | Shelley | LSFHS |
| Metzger | Dana | LSFHS |
| Nettles | Elizabeth | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Patrick | Erin | HPCNEF |
| Pena | Jose | FDOH – Duval – OD2A |
| Pilkinton | Lauren | LSFHS |
| Pitman | Susan | Drug Free Duval |
| Porter | Alex | Opioid Prevention Coordinator w/ DOH Clay |
| Powell | Sarah | Community Coalition Alliance Inter |
| Rice | Danielle | Overdose Prevention Specialist with DCF Office of SAMH HQ |
| Roberts | Kathleen | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Rodgers | Savannah | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Sahani | Suman | Florida Department of Health Duval OD2A |
| Schaper | Hannah | Drug Free Duval |
| Shubirg | Dale | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Spangle | Kelsey |  |
| Strang | Madison | Community Coalition Alliance Inter |
| Thomas | LaTerica | CDCF-FDOH-Duval |
| Thompson | Libby | Nassau County Coalition for Community Health |
| Viafora Ray | Laura | JFRD |
| Ward | TJ | Project Opioid JAX |
| Williams | Jennifer | DCF |
| Zarou | Madelaine | JFRD |

**Meeting Minutes:**

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| **Agenda** | **Minutes** | **Action** |
| **Welcome & Introductions -Kathleen Roberts** | * Introductions virtually. Great representation on today’s call. Thank you everyone for attending today’s meeting. We are here today to focus on the following counties – Duval, Clay, and Nassau. * **IMPORTANT - We will not be hosting a meeting in July, but we will resume on August 23rd for an in-person meeting at the**   **NFHIDTA Office - 8647 Baypine Rd, Jacksonville, Florida from 11:30AM til 1:00PM**  **Today’s agenda -**   * Welcome & Introductions * Data & Information Shares * Subcommittees * Open Discussion |  |
| **Topics: Resources** | * NFHIDTA Xylazine Flyer – see attachment in email. * Helpful Dashboards – <https://www.flhealthcharts.gov/ChartsDashboards/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=SurveyData.FYSAS.Dataviewer> * <https://rei.norc.org/> * <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings/florida/duval?year=2023> * <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/deaths/synthetic/index.html> * Recently a Pediatrics Office sent this out that is in Jacksonville: * <https://www.toplinemd.com/blog/dangers-of-vaping-in-teens/> * Melissa from Rebel Recovery Jacksonville – has expanded into to Jacksonville. They provide Recovery Peer Support, Narcan distribution, and we are so happy to be helping Jacksonville. The Grand Opening is on July 21st. (Flyer will be emailed out soon) * Money Magazine – Be the One - <https://duval.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/preventoverdoseduval/index.html> |  |
| **Topic: NFHIDTA – Deborah Babin and Scott Delano** | * **Scott Delano -** DIO @ NFHIDTA shared out – * Benadryl, a common allergy medication, is being used as a cutting agent in fentanyl and other opioids. This mixture is present in a growing number of overdose deaths. * Research reveals a worrying trend. In 2016, diphenhydramine accounted for 3.2% of drug overdoses in the United States and ranked among the top 15 drugs most frequently implicated in drug overdose deaths. * These statistics prompted the FDA to issue a warning in September 2020 about the dangers of consuming diphenhydramine at higher than recommended doses. * At high doses, diphenhydramine can cause serious heart problems, seizures, coma, and even death. Toxicity manifests as general CNS depression and anticholinergic syndrome, with symptoms including delirium, agitation, hallucinations, and tremor. It can also induce QRS widening and QTc prolongation on an electrocardiogram. * A study conducted in 2019-2020 involving 92,033 overdose deaths discovered that 10.5% tested positive for diphenhydramine, with 2.4% citing it as a direct cause of death. More * There has been an increase in toxicological samples containing difluoroethane (DFE). DFE is most often associated with canned air or dust off. * Inhalant abuse, specifically the misuse of canned air or "huffing," presents a severe public health concern, particularly among adolescents and young adults. Despite its everyday household usage, the psychoactive properties of canned air can lead to dangerous health consequences, both immediate and long-term. * **Deborah Babin -** Public Health Analyst @ NFHIDTA shared out –   As of right now we are not allowed to share out any OD Map currently. We are currently working on the back end with the Washington Baltimore HIDTA, the CDC Foundation, and the Department of Health. Once we receive the ok, I will be able to share out.  **Kathleen added -** So we're trying to streamline the request process and we're going to add on the on our website, a link to do that, that our request shares because sometimes there'll be multiple people reaching out and emailing individuals separately and then so different. |  |
| **Topic: Laura Viafora Ray & Madelaine Zarou – JFRD** | * **Laura wanted to share** with everyone on this call that she has transitioned to a new role with JFRD in relation to the opioid abatement. Her new title is Program Coordinator of Opioid Abatement. All contact information will remain the same. * **Madelaine Zarou -** Opioid Abatement Manager at JFRD – shared out - As of last night, our city council here in Jacksonville passed legislation, which creates the grants committee through which most of these opioid settlement funds that we've received will be distributed to agencies throughout the city. Which will be very similar to that of the city's public service grant program. * If you have any questions or would like a copy of the legislation, please contact Madelaine. * **Laura shared out -** Anytime we discuss updates from JFRD. It is in relation only to the funding that's going directly to the City of Jacksonville from the state attorney general's office, but keep in mind that you might hear about settlement monies that are going in other directions like to DCF for or managing entities that sort of thing. * As you can see comparing 2020,2021, 2022, and in the first few months of 2023, this goes through May, are looking better. So that is some good news, although we did see sort of a spike in the last couple of months with at least two of the measures. Also, it's interesting too, because the opioid related is kind of going in the opposite direction from the allergy measures. * Top 10 zip codes by Count, as well as what percent that zip code represents. * 32210, which is a zip code we discuss a lot. It is still number one and it does still represent about 10% of all the opioid related overdoses that we're seeing in Jacksonville. However, on the other hand, the good news is that compared to last year. * Right now, the one that is seeing the biggest spike is 32205 which is in the Murray Hill, Avondale area. So, we'll continue to keep an eye on these trends. * The urban core is very represented once you start looking at these numbers as a rate and the ones that are highlighted in orange are the zip codes that fall under the top 10 by count and rate. So arguably, you know, you might say the highest priorities of codes for this issue. * We have given out over 14,500 kits between myself and my partnerships. * We've conducted 365 unique training courses reaching over 6600 community members and those numbers just continue to grow. * We have received 102 voluntary reports of folks who use Narcan kits from our program to save a person who's overdosing.   Contact Information:  **Laura Viafora Ray, MPH, CPH**  Office: (904) 255-7730  Cell: (904) 710-8454  Email: [lvray@coj.net](mailto:lvray@coj.net)  Contact Information:  **Madelaine Assi Zarou**  Office: (904) 255-7730  Email: [massi@coj.net](mailto:massi@coj.net) |  |
| **Topic: LaTerica Thomas, MPH, CPH**  **Epidemiologist -DOH - Duval** | * **LaTerica shared out today’s topic is about Xylazine –** * Xylazine is a sedative or tranquilizer that was approved in 1972 by the FDA and was intended for veterinary use only. Xylazine is not classified as a controlled substance and as a result, law enforcement had experienced barriers to mitigating distribution against misuse. * The first case in the United States according to the CDC occurred in the Northeast region in 2006. * The substance is commonly referred to as Tranq, Zombie drug, or dope. * According to the CDC, 107,735 fatalities occurred in the US between August 2021 and August. 2022 from drug poisonings with 66% involving synthetic opiates like fentanyl. * The figure in the bottom left-hand corner displays how Xylazine has spread across the United States. * Philadelphia has been declared as the nation's capital for trade or Philly dope and accounts for over 1/3 of diazene overdose fatality. * In the bottom right-hand corner from 2020 to 2021, the sound had the largest increase of Xylazine related fatalities nationwide at 1,127%, followed by the West at 750%. The Midwest at 516% and the Northeast at 103%. * The first case in Florida occurred in January 2014 in Lee County. The second case occurred in December 2018 in Miami-Dade County. The third case occurred in January 2019 in Saint Lucie County. The fourth case occurred in February 2019 and Duval County is the fifth case occurred in April 2019 in Orange County. * Duval County had the highest amount of dialogue related fatalities that occurred within the county with a total of 137 and accounts for 21% of the State's total. * Last month, 13,000 related occurred in the state of Florida and six of those mentalities occurred in Duval County, which accounts for nearly 50% of the May 2023 in quality statewide. * **Jose shared out data at the State and County Level –** * Duval County from January 2019 to June 2023 as previously mentioned, 137 occurred within Duval County during this time frame and 57% of those visits occurred among white non-Hispanic males. 22% occurred among white, non-Hispanic females, 10% occurred among black non-Hispanic males, 2% occurred among black non-Hispanic females. 3% of common Hispanic males and 2% occurred among Hispanic females. * The 35- to 54-year-old age group had the highest quality related fatalities with a total of 32 and had the highest quality related fatalities from January 2014. * The June 2023, with a total of 85 so far in 2023, white non-Hispanic male and female and Black 9 Hispanic males have higher reports noticing related to quality compared to the year of 2019. * In the August meeting looking at the numbers in 2023 with Xylazine dealing with certain counties such as Duval, Clay, Nassau and breaking it down by gender, age group, and race and ethnicity. * Also, seeing the data by year. * See slides for additional information. * Deborah from NFHIDTA mentioned that Puerto Rico HIDTA is seeing Xylazine smoked in common areas with 20+ years, just by the fact that we are mixing it with Fentanyl.     Contact Information:  **LaTerica Thomas, MPH, CPH**  Epidemiologist  CDC Foundation  [LaTerica.Thomas@flhealth.gov](mailto:LaTerica.Thomas@flhealth.gov)  904-253-1407  **José I. Peña Bravo, PhD**  OPS Biological Scientist IV  Florida Department of Health  [Jose.PenaBravo@flhealth.gov](mailto:Jose.PenaBravo@flhealth.gov)  904-253-1859 |  |
| **Topic: Bobby Betros Swabtek** | * SwabTek - * It is a U.S. company; headquarters in California, and we make the world's only test kits for narcotics and explosives detection that don't use any of the liquid chemical reagents and we use dry powdered reagents for our products. * Test kit for detecting drugs. · 100% non-hazardous · First tests that can safely detect drugs on items and surfaces, in addition to powder/plant samples, without sending them to a lab. * SwabTek is also partners with many education-focused law enforcement groups such as, L.E.A.D., NASRO, and NDASA * SwabTek’s dry, paper-based tests provide a safe and simple solution to put field test kits back in the hands of frontline security professionals who have turned away from incumbent products due to concerns over safety and reliability. * See slides for more information.   **Additional resources -**   * **SwabTek Website** - <https://swabtek.com/> * **SwabTek Fentanyl+ Test Kit - Testing Powder for Fentanyl** <https://youtu.be/OzIfREBkEtA> * **SwabTek Narcotics Go Bag - 60 Tests -** <https://swabtek.com/collections/kits/products/swabtek-ntk-go-bag-60-tests> * **Video: Rossen Reports Spot the Pot: Schools using marijuana test kit to show results instantly** - <https://www.today.com/video/rossen-reports-spot-the-pot-schools-using-marijuana-test-kit-to-show-results-instantly-1350870595741>   Contact Information:  **Bobby Betros**  **SwabTek**  858-405-6374  [bobby@swabtek.com](mailto:bobby@swabtek.com) |  |
| **Final Remarks** | * Thank you everyone for coming. * Also, the Subcommittee for DENs meets at 10:00AM- 11:30AM the same day as the DENs Meeting. * If you would like to attend any of these meetings, please reach out to Kathleen Roberts at [kroberts@ccafl.org](mailto:kroberts@ccafl.org) or Deborah Babin at [dbabin@nfhidta.org](mailto:dbabin@nfhidta.org) |  |
| **Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 PM** | **Next Meeting: NO MEETING IN JULY –**  **Will resume August 23rd, 2023 – In Person at the HIDTA Office**  **8647 Baypine Rd, Jacksonville, Florida from 11:30AM til 1:00PM** |  |

Respectfully Submitted,

Savannah Rodgers

Youth Coordinator

Community Coalition Alliance, Inc.