

**MINUTES**  
**OASIS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday March 8, 2018**  
**Oxford Town Hall – 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order:** 7:06 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:**

Committee Members Present: Dr. Heather Ferrillo-DiIulio, Susan Schiavi, Vincent Provenzano, Reverend John Donnelly, Madalene Taggart, Jerry McGuire

Committee Members Absent: Off. Thomas Gugliotti, Laura DeLeo, Ken Mahr

Others Present: Lorrie McFarland (APW), Linda Czaplinski, Sgt. Dan Semosky (Resident State Trooper/Liaison), Neal Lustig (Director Pomperaug Health District) Elana Sadlon (AmeriCorps), Bill Gorman(Oxford Ambulance)

**Minutes:**

**1. Acceptance of Minutes:**

Father John Donnelly made motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Heather Ferrillo-DiIulio. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Introductions:**

Chairwoman Susan Schiavi led the introductions. Jerry McGuire introduced as new member to committee.

**3. Local Prevention Council**

Susan reported that at the selectman's meeting on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, the selectmen voted to form a local prevention council from the OASIS committee. The LPC will meet directly following the OASIS meeting monthly and can include members that are not Oxford residents.

Lorrie reported that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Oxford is no longer part of her territory and we will now be under the Housatonic Valley Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization (RBHAO) under the direction of Jennifer DeWitt. Lorrie will continue to hold our Narcan for distribution as well as be responsible for disbursement of our money for the LPC activities until further notice.

**4. Pomperaug Health District Update – Neal Lustig:**

Neal reviewed the 2017 data on overdose deaths that was just published. Oxford had 5 deaths in 2017 which is down from 7 in 2016. The medical examiner's office is reporting that the majority of overdose deaths are now from Fentanyl.

Neal met with the Department of Justice in New Haven this week to organize the presentation at OHS on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will consist of the HEAT team, DEA agents, a prosecutor and a DOJ representative. Neal reported that we can also include an Oxford parent on the panel. Vinny volunteered to participate. The event will be co-sponsored by OASIS, Pomperaug Health and Oxford Board of Education. We can have some input into the format and who speaks as long as it is not politicized. They are looking for a full auditorium. Neal and Elana will work on advertising with flyers and ads in the local papers. Flyer should be ready for next week. Group talked about having an overdose awareness and Narcan event the week after while it is fresh in people's minds. The group decided on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 8pm as a tentative date. Lorrie will bring Narcan to train and dispense. Neal will check with Mrs. Potter to see if available and if we can have it in the OHS media center.

**5. AmeriCorps Member Update – Elana**

Elana has office hours in Oxford town hall on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2pm. Elana is working on the Facebook page. Vinny will help and be an administrator on the page. If anyone else wants to be involved, please let her know. She is also working on a pamphlet to go to Doctors' offices, etc. on "what to do after a loved one overdoses".

**6. Police Update – Sargent Semosky:**

Nothing new to report.

**7. OHS Update – No representatives from OHS were present. No report.**

**8. OASIS Letter to Families: Vinny**

Vinny presented a letter for families of overdose victims. Some concern in the group regarding the legal ramifications as well as the fact that distributing during a call would violate HIPPA. There was also discussion on making an OASIS email address instead of using a personal email. Group will look into using letter as mass mailing and also giving it out at

events. Vinny will revise and review with his lawyer. Plan would be to have it ready for the event on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

**9. OASIS Mission and Goals - Vinny:**

Vinny submitted a draft of a mission statement/vision and definition of addiction. The group will review and the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

- 10. Other Items – Open Discussion:** Madeline reported that she was approached by a staff member for Representative Jim Himes. He wanted to organize an opioid event in Oxford using his name where he could give a speech. He offered to bring in another EMS company to do the event if Oxford was too busy. Lorrie reported that people will not come to events that are showcasing politicians. The group was not comfortable allowing a politician to put their name on one of our events. Madalene reports that he decided to do an event in another town.

**11. Adjourn: 8:15pm**

Father John made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vinny Provenzano. The motion carried unanimously.

**Next meeting: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm at Oxford Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Ferrillo-DiIulio, PhD, APRN  
OASIS member

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