

## ATTENDEES

Jim Novelli, DBH, Exec Dir; David Carlbom, M.D., Medical Program Director, Jefferson County EMS; Fire Chief Tim Manly, Brinnon Fire Department; Anya Callahan, BHC Communications Plan Rep; Lori Fleming, Jefferson County CHIP/BHC.

**Not Present:** Apple Martine, JCPH Director.

## Discussion:

- Vending Machine (where to get, related cost, etc.) – Novelli doing research
- What supplies would we like the vending machine to offer?
- Sourcing / financing Naloxone supply - accommodate expiring product?
- What insurance requirements are there for the vending machine, and for the location?
- Who would hold the technological/website aspect of having the vending machine give codes for patrons to utilize to receive supplies?
- Message the vending machine as a unit where family members to get supplies to keep their loved ones safe.
- Who would be responsible for restocking, dealing with onsite issues, etc.?

## HIGHLIGHTS AND NEXT STEPS

- Jim Novelli has been in contact with a few other rural areas that are doing similar projects. They have gotten funding through ASO-type organizations - \$5K per machine and 1800 packs of Narcan @ \$75/pk. Cost of machine varies whether you have an internal or outside machine. The machines are digital, and must be hooked up to a computer, then clients can type into a website, get a 3-digit code and use that code to get the machine to dispense the Narcan. There are many people we can reach out to for consultation, including Thea Olyphant-Wells from King County who is doing a similar project.

Machines can be used for Narcan, other safe use supplies (smoking supplies, fentanyl strips, covid tests, condoms, lube, masks, etc.)

Of note is that the Brinnon community center already has free wi-fi.

Dr. Carlbom endorsed the idea of getting a pilot vending machine into Brinnon, then expanding from there.

The group agreed our strategy is to get one machine funded and installed as a pilot project, then expand after that has been successful.

- Anya noted in the discussion around what should be offered in the machine that Fentanyl test strips could be offered, and individual clients can decide if they want to use them or not. Could have other items like COVID tests, condoms, pipes, etc. It is possible having more things in it would make it more approachable. Harm Reduction is about keeping communities

healthy and safe, which includes all these items. She also advocates for an external machine if possible because the possibility of saving a life is more if it more accessible.

Anya noted it will be important to have public conversation with the community about Narcan, to build relationships and culture in the community by hosting Narcan trainings, having distribution opportunities – including those who have lost loved ones to overdose, who use drugs or who are in recovery and relapse at the table for those times of interfacing. These community outreach efforts will help pave the way in the community's awareness.

- Jim noted we want to be mindful of the community – and carefully think out what we put in there. If we start small, then increase as we move forward.
- Who stocks machine? Chief Manly will explore having one of his staff cover stocking of the machine.
- Dr. Carlbom noted how impressed he is that Brinnon is leading the way on this effort.

#### Action:

- Jim reaching out to Molina and Amerigroup to see if either MCO is interested in funding the Narcan Vending machine project.  
**UPDATE:** Jim notes the “reachout” is underway. Lori also notes the opportunity to consider use of the RCORP-I grant dollars already approved to address harm reduction in south county to fund all or a portion of this project, if it means getting the machine up and running in a timely manner.
- Lori will work on a 1-page overview of the project to be used as we seek funding: 1) one geared toward an internal machine with a \$20K request; 2) one geared toward an external machine with a \$40k request.
- Dr. Carlbom will reach out to Sean Hemmerle re: naloxone supply for this project.  
**UPDATE:** Sean said there are upcoming funding that might be able to help. Also noted funding would be for the naloxone kits themselves, not for any costs related to the purchase of the machines or their upkeep.
- Will need to identify who owns machine/technology and functions as lead agency: Need JCPH at this table to explore that question effectively.
- Anya developing a communication/education/engagement plan and budget.
- Chief Manly will explore having Fire Dept staff stock the proposed vending machine. He will also talk with Brinnon Community Center Board (Jefferson County Commissioners) to get explicit permission to install a machine at that location.  
**UPDATE:** Chief Manly got an ok from Community Center to locate a machine there.