

Erie County Probation Department COAP Grant

Erie County Opioid Task Force Meeting

05/11/2020

Screening for Opioid Unit Candidates

- Since July 1, 2019, the department began using the Texas Christian University V Drug Screen which has been used to identify people with possible Substance Use Disorder, specifically those with severe SUD for Opioids for possible participation in the departments Opioid Unit.
- 108 Probation Officers have been trained in administration and scoring of the TCU V.
- To date, approximately 1,400 adults have been screened by the Probation Department.

Opioid Unit

- **Probation Officer Melissa Mayhew**
- **Peer Navigators: Kathryn Appenheimer & Julian Campbell**

Currently, the unit supervises 28 probationers. Of these, most were identified via the TCU V. However, some have been transferred from other caseloads after it was discovered a probationer had severe issues with opioids.

Each probationer under the supervision of the Opioid Unit is linked with one of the Peer Navigators. Additionally, Peer Navigators have also been linked to probationers on other caseloads that have been struggling with Opioid SUD. Currently, there are 9 probationers from other units and at least two referrals pending.

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Since the Opioid Unit became active in July of 2019 there have been no fatal overdoses of probationers in the unit.

Three probationers have had a total of 6 non-fatal overdoses. For two of the probationers, the overdoses occurred in a cluster and team members provided in-person follow up within 48 hours of notification. We had one probationer have a non-fatal overdose while absconded from probation.

The last occurrence of an overdose of a probationer under the supervision of the Opioid Unit was in November of 2019.

Supervision During Covid-19

Probationers under the supervision of the Opioid Unit check-in via a web-based program on a weekly basis.

Probation Officer Melissa Mayhew also contacts probationers via phone calls on a weekly basis, or more frequently, if needed, to address/discuss drug use, coping skills, mental health, finances, access to food and any other stressors.

Peer Navigators attempt to reach out to each of their assigned probationers at least once weekly and more if needed.

The unit has shared information with probationers on additional virtual recovery resources available to aid them with extra support if necessary.

Narcan

Every probationer on the Opioid Unit is offered Narcan. Family and other supports are also offered Narcan and trained in it's use, if necessary.

The Probation Department waiting rooms all have Narcan boxes installed.

Several Officers that take reports off-site have been given Narcan to distribute to those that have a need.

During this Covid-19 situation, should someone under the supervision of the Opioid Unit or in another caseload require Narcan we will provide the Narcan in a labeled paper bag with information and drop of at their residence.