



Southern Kenai Peninsula Opioid Task Force

Opioid Task Force Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 25th at 11:am-12:30pm

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Our vision: A community free of opioid and substance misuse

Our mission: Fostering a connected community by empowering and engaging all individuals to create local solutions for opioid and substance misuse

Attendees

Agenda

1. Quick Intro to Zoom, Introductions & Check Ins

Attendees: Stephanie Stillwell, Hannah Gustafson, Ginny Espenshade, Colleen Ackerman, Michael Raymond, Eileen Bechtol, Annette Hubbard, Sarah Spencer, Amy Smith, Abby Struffert, Lucy Mahan, Kathy McMurray, Mary Darbonne, Jay Bechtol, Paul Seaton, Annie Wiard, Kyla Newland

2. COVID-19 Updates & Response for Community Agencies

- a. How are folks continuing to access care for substance use disorder treatment & behavioral health services in our community?

Colleen send a resource (ATTACHED) for virtual recovery supports. Colleen is still meeting with clients and hosting small groups. AA meetings are taking place via zoom, contact Eileen to get connected. Exchange is modifying operations (setup outside last week), may transition to delivery in future. SPBHS is open and operating, still some in-person for those that need it, setting up telehealth for psychiatric consults at ER and Police Station. SVT is operating both in-person and telehealth. They have closed massage, acupuncture, and classes. Lucy Mahan - everything is via telehealth. Veterans are having a moment of empowerment, they are trained and prepared for this (protecting families, etc.). Small group meetings are occurring at in town Set Free location. Also providing services via telehealth. Rotary is starting mask making for community members (not healthcare providers), all people should be wearing masks anytime they are in public or near others. More info at homerrotary.org. We need to save the healthcare grade masks for healthcare providers. Sarah will be hosting at home cookie decorating class Saturday, FB live cookie decorating class, arrange to get kit 4-hour class public FB event \$100 cost (fundraiser for the exchange – <https://www.facebook.com/events/547140559250170/>). Goal of raising enough \$ to get through next 6 months when there can ideally be another in-person fundraiser. NTC is adjusting clinic operations canceling appointments that are not urgent and transitioning as much as possible to telemedicine. Bolstering relationships with village clinics across the bay to offer telemedicine supports. Federal government lifted restrictions which has opened the door to increased telemedicine availability. The landscape is changing and more and more providers and clients are embracing the platform. Peer support are taking new referrals, although down one peer support person at this time. Still working, albeit remotely, which has been the reality for some time. Limit is in providing patients transportation. Medicaid change to form for providing cab vouchers. Counselors can provide telemed behavioral health. Sue Fallon

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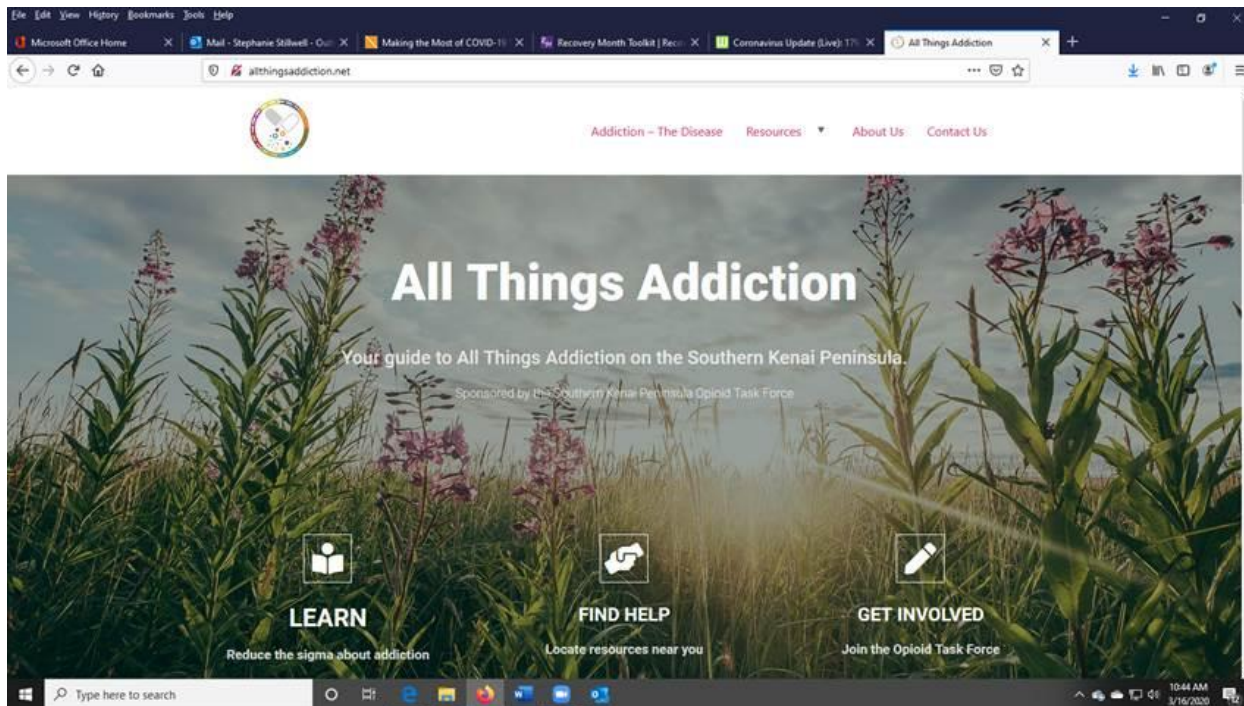


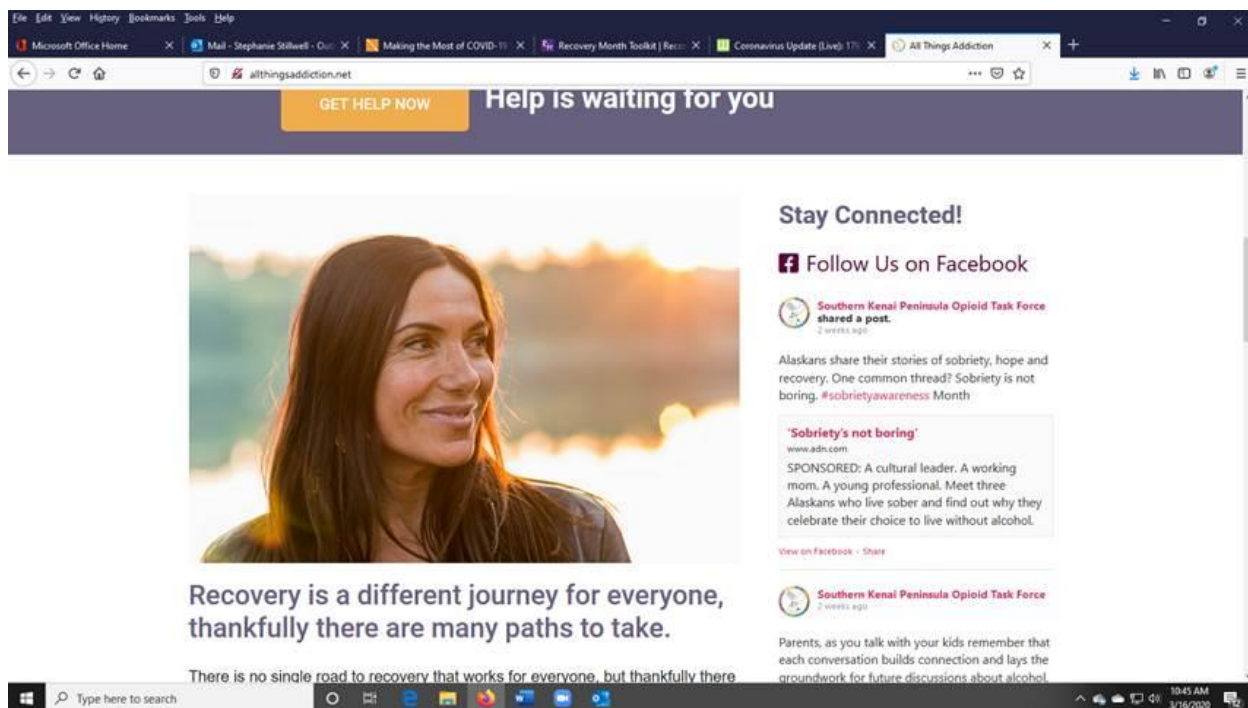
is based out of cabin, call or text first. Paul – anecdotal evidence while in the legislature that the compliance and participation via telehealth was greater than in person appointments, need to gather evidence on this during this time (**IDEA for policy group**). Annette, this has been overcoming barriers that previously presented (show up for Rx appt, but not behavioral health), “I’m not feeling well” is no longer a valid excuse. The good in this situation: systems are adjusting and people are embracing technology. From NTC:

- Annette (MAT Intake/Case Management/Back up Peer support) 907-740-3330
- Zoe (Peer Support) 907-741-2019
- Sue (Back up MAT Intake/Case Management/Keeping the Homer office open) Please call or text her prior to sending a patient over 907-420-7268
- These numbers are public knowledge, and you may share them with the community. Please note that

Link to national/SAMHSA resource: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/tips-social-distancing-quarantine-isolation-031620.pdf> . Homer Foundation survey for nonprofits (Attached) [KPEDD economic impact survey](#). Tribal response grant due May 4, NTC is applying, SVT can also. HB 234 Medicaid Bill failed to get 3/4 vote needed to pass. Needs two more votes to pass!


3. Social Media Campaign Update: Consultant, Sara Thompson, SJT Marketing – Sarah is sick and unable to join today. Link to reports Stephanie Shared. Facebook is up to 427 ??? followers. Also building out the website allthingsaddiction.net (not live yet), but Stephanie gave a sneak peak





4. Work Group Updates:
 - a. Prevention Work Group
 - i. Voluntary Nonopioid Advanced Directive – Committee member was recently at Homer Medical and asked for this, staff was able to locate and provide – SUCCESS!
 - ii. Pharmacy Partial Fill – Local pharmacies are busy in COVID-19 response, may want to take survey to higher levels within state OSMAP and pharmacy association. To date the state hasn't done much pharmacist education, mostly provider education.
 - b. Treatment Work Group
 - i. Spent a lot of time looking at the website at this month's meeting. A large impetus for OTF was identifying what treatment resources were available locally. Keeping current list of available resources will be a major role of the website.
 - c. Policy Work Group: Did not convene. Does not have core group at this time, maybe not the time to try and organize.
 - d. Community Outreach Work Group: attempted to meet via Zoom, but technology wasn't cooperating that day. Some communication via email occurred. First event planned had been to host an OTF meeting in Anchor Point in partnership with SVT, that is on hold at this time. Looking to figure out what innovative options might be for having a presence and "convening" in outlying areas in this new reality.
5. Upcoming Events: City Council Briefing 3/23/20
 - a. Additional City Council Dates: June 22, September 14 and November 23
6. Closing thoughts and next steps

Next Meeting Dates:



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To sign up for work groups, please contact Stephanie: Stephanie@gsquared.solutions

Prevention Work Group: Wednesday, April 15th 11:30-1:00pm VIA ZOOM

Treatment Work Group: Thursday, April 9th 9:00am-10:30am VIA ZOOM

Community Outreach Work Group: Via ZOOM TBD