



# Southern Kenai Peninsula Opioid Task Force

## Opioid Task Force Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-12:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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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: Stephanie Stillwell, Hannah Gustafson, Paul Seaton, Sarah Spencer, Ginny Espenshade, Colleen Ackerman, Michael Raymond, Zoe Dixon, Kayla Franklin, Kyla Newland, Judith St. Lewis
2. Updates from around the Room: SVT is now doing IV infusions (immune boosting!) and acupuncture. Still no massage, but massage is coming again soon. The Exchange has completed paperwork to become independent 501(c)(3), in honor of Megan Anderson and in cooperation with her family will be DBA “Megan’s Place”. Set Free’s Men’s residential facility opening is slightly delayed, now looking at finalizing 7/10, open house 7/25 from 2-4pm. Kenai Peninsula Reentry Coalition showing and hosting panel discussion tomorrow night 5:45, movie is “Inside Out” about reentry from incarceration. [MAPP Community Wellness Challenge](#) running through July 10, encouraging folks to share exploration of 8 Dimensions of Wellness. Sharing via social media, email, or snail mail. A lot of interesting things happening around telemedicine right now, waiting to hear back from state medical board on telemedicine statutes. Good news is that once clarified there will be a lot more accessibility for rural communities for SUD treatment and services via telehealth. Working at state level for folks to be able to get on Medicaid one month before release, so folks should be covered and able to access resources immediately upon release. Homer Medical is close to having MAT program up and running, in process of hiring a case manager. New mental health service provider, Full Spectrum Health, opening in Homer next month.
3. Educational Opportunity: Presented by Dr. Sarah Spencer. Contingency management is powerful/successful, but no funder wants to cover. Could Alaska Mental Health Trust (grants to individuals) be a good fit? Have done reward programs in past (shower vouchers, gift certificates, etc.) Immediate rewards are best, meet the immediate gratification way of brain functioning. Have two month’s worth of funding at this time. Will The Exchange be offering more once becoming a stand alone non-profit? Not necessarily, do not want mission drift.
4. Work Group Updates:
  - a. Prevention Work Group: Have created a survey for local (and possibly statewide) Pharmacies related to partial fill legislation. This is an effort to both educate pharmacies as well as decrease excessive amount of medication in community. Had Medicaid pharmacists on last call where they offered great feedback, have edited survey as a result of their feedback. Will be available online and deidentified (to encourage participation). Will have demographic information related to

region. Survey will be shared statewide. Also want to check in on where prescribers are so survey will be adjusted for providers as well. Still need to address insurance intersection on this issue. Next project Prevention Work Group will be working on is a compilation of nonpharmacological pain relief options.

- b. Treatment Work Group: See information above related to Set Free update. Encourage all local treatment options to put information on following sites: (locally) <https://skpresourcedirectory.net/> & (statewide) <https://www.treatmentconnection.com/>
  - c. Community Outreach Work Group: Did not convene
  - d. Policy Work Group: Did not convene
5. Updates for Social Media, Website & City Council Update: Would be good to have Set Free give an update at the next City Council Meeting presentation. Just did one this past week, next one will be September 14.
  6. Closing thoughts and next steps

#### **Next Meeting Dates:**

Opioid Task Force Meeting Wednesday, July 22, 11-12:30pm

#### **Work Group Meetings:**

##### **Treatment Work Group: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10am-11:30am**

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##### **Prevention Work Group: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 11:30am-1:00pm**

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##### **Community Outreach Work Group: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11:00-12:00pm**

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