
OKSHIP Mental Health and Substance Misuse Workgroup

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9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Facilitators: Melissa Simms, RN, M.Ed., CCM, Community Engagement and Health Planning Manager, Oklahoma State Department of Health, and Erica Frazier, MS, LPC, Behavioral Health Specialist, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Introduction and Welcome:

Spotlight from the Field: Safe Storage Saves Lives: A Community-Based Approach to Preventing Firearm Injury in Muskogee County:

- Rodger Cutler introduced Melody Cranford from the Muskogee Task Force for Safe Storage Save Lives.
- Melody Cranford, M.Ed., NBCT, presented on promoting gun safety. Strategies discussed include Project Child's Safe Pledges, Faith & Blue, public forums, and collaboration with local law enforcement to distribute safety resources.

Spotlight from the Field: Healthy Minds Initiative:

- Jill Nichols, Opioid Response and Grants Coordinator from the Office of the Attorney General, discussed information about Oklahoma's opioid settlement
- Jessica Hawkins, Director of Healthy Minds Policy Initiative, discussed priority strategies for opioid abatement in Oklahoma
- oklahoma.gov/oag/resources/grants/opioid-abatement-grant.html
- healthymindspolicy.org
- jhawkins@healthymindspolicy.org
- Jill.Nichols@oag.ok.gov

Spotlight from the Field: DCCCA Oklahoma

- Lisa Harper gave information on Mental Health First Aid
- Programs that DCCCA Oklahoma offers, MHFA, YMHFA, First Responders training, CPR Certification, Naloxone training (can be combined with CPR), CALM, QPR (question, persuade, refer) & Handle With Care - can also provide Naloxone Trainings, resources and contact info can be found here: [Oklahoma - DCCCA](https://oklahoma.gov/dccca)
- lharper@dccca.org

Resources shared:

- Adrienne Elder shared this example of a gun owner's pledge:
<https://www.responsibleownership.org/take-the-pledge>
- For the Office of the Attorney General monthly newsletter, email jill.nichols@oag.ok.gov to be added to the recipient list.

- The American Heart Association is assessing whether Oklahoma law enforcement agencies currently carry AEDs in patrol vehicles and whether they're interested in receiving them. We're also looking to connect with organizations working in opioid abatement who may need AEDs. If you know of any police departments or community groups that would benefit, please contact Megan.Charlot@Heart.org
- Melita Grimes, DEA, Dallas Field Division and coordinator for Take Back added that you can reach out to her directly for spr. Take Back #30, 214-878-7724, melita.k.grimes@dea.gov [Take Back Day](#)

Dashboards:

- [Mental Health Dashboard](#)
- [Substance Misuse Dashboard](#)

Adjourn:

- Next meeting of OK SHIP is April 8th for the Diabetes workgroup.
- Next meeting for the Mental Health and Substance Misuse workgroup will be July 8th.
- Reminder: Please let up know if you would like to spotlight your work at an upcoming meeting by emailing Melissa Simms at Melissa.Simms@health.ok.gov or Erica Frazier at Erica.Frazier@health.ok.gov