National Sobering Collaborative

Minutes from ACEP Meeting

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* Houston Program were well attended and highlighted efforts at their center. Specifics are as follows:
  + 1115 Waiver Funding
  + Community Relationships
  + Census and Staffing
  + Loss of state funded detox beds
* San Diego Program (James Dunford)
  + SIP
  + Jail vs Rehab option
  + Sobering center run by volunteers of America
* SUNY Upstate (Jay Brenner)
  + Program in development via Medicaid 1115

**Presentation** (See ppt slides)

* Mission statement changed to remove “citizen” and “chronically”:
* **To advance Research, Advocacy, and Policy to improve the care of the intoxicated person.**
* Discussion of paradoxes of care: Police vs hospital response, city by city policy and city by city response.
* Impact on cities, hospitals
* Low value care
* Literature: Individual cities, no pooled data
* **Need for a national data**
* Medicaid involvement:
  + States with Medicaid expansion vs States without
  + Uninsured vs Medicaid

**Alcohol vs other substances**

Many raised the question if the NSC should expand to other substances, beyond alcohol specifically the synthetic canabanoids (K2, Spice etc)

* NSC mission creep?
* Houston’s experience is based upon level of “impairment” and safety, regardless of substance.
* Difficulty in defining, and measuring impairment (Jason Hack)

**Research vs. Implementation**

* What is the question that the NSC is asking?
* Database research
* Development of comprehensive sobering database
* Data Sharing via website
* Implementation research
* Economic research
* Comparison study

**Funding**

A lengthy discussion followed about possible funding mechanisms for the NSC’s agenda. These focused on implementation funding vs research funding. What follows is a list of suggestions that will be pursued.

* AHQR
* Medicaid 1115
* Robert Wood Johnson
* Other non-profits
* Federal Funders (SAMHSA, NIDA)
* Patrick Kennedy Foundation (onemind.org)
* Untied Conference of Mayors

**CEDR**

Emergency Database in development: Possible resource for database questions for ED numbers, will look into this as a comparison database for

**Website**

Melanie Lippmann showed development of website with goals of:

* Collaboration
* Promotion
* Data consolidation

**Summit in Washington DC**

Tentatively planned for May 14 2016 to coincide with ACEP’s leadership and advocacy meeting.

* Many felt summit would be important to add legitimacy to NSC and to court funding
* Stay tuned for more information , but we are actively organizing this meeting.