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Division of Health Systems and Planning Board of Health Report

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HSP Administration

Director Update:

During the month of April, the Director of Health Systems and Planning conducted the following activities:

- Served as the Incident Command Structure (ICS) Safety Officer.
- Worked with Communication's and community partners to draft a guidance document and flyer for communities of color concerned about wearing face mask.
- Worked with FCPH Health Commissioner and the Board of Commissioners in developing a Declaration, declaring "Racism a Public Health Crisis".
- Finalized the Health and Equity in all Policies policy developed by the FCPH Foundational Capacity, Health Equity Committee.

Data Assessment, Planning, & Evaluation

Activity: Epidemiologist, Kirsten Oliver was activated to ICS as a member of the Contact Investigation Team (located under Operations). Duties primarily focus on reaching out to Household Contacts (family members, neighbors, and friends) that have been potentially exposed to confirmed and identify probable cases of COVID-19.

Activity: David Norris, Epidemiologist was activated to ICS and compiles the daily epidemiology report. David is also mapping all Covid-19 cases in FCPH and CPH jurisdictions to correlate with demographic information that is incomplete or missing from the case line file from ODH. David's work on the OD2A grant continues, on the surveillance strategy and surveillance system design.

Community Naloxone Distribution

Activity: During the month of April Franklin County has experienced 4 separate overdose surges. These surges were identified by the Coroner's Office when there were 5 or more fatal suspected opioid overdoses in a 24 hour time period. The 4 surges accounted for 33 deaths, excluding the number of fatal overdoses that may have occurred outside of these time periods. Based on ongoing discussions it is believed that COVID 19 and social isolation is a contributing factor to these deaths for at risk individuals. As a result FCPH has implemented an online narcan mail order program where any Franklin County resident can have a kit mailed to their home. FCPH distributed 38 kits through the mail in April.

Activity: Due to COVID-19 Franklin County Public Health is not able to conduct traditional community naloxone trainings. Despite the challenge, for the Month of April:

Community Naloxone Distribution Data:

- Number of Community Naloxone Kits Distributed..... 299
- Number of First Responder Distribution..... 138 doses
- Number of Naloxone Trainings.....0

Care Coordination & Addiction Services (CCAS)

Activity: Community Health Workers (CHWs) continue to provide telecommunication with clients and residents to ensure their medical and social service needs are being met.

- o Clients Served/Active.....97/58
- o Pathways Initiated/Completed (2/14/20 – 4/30/20)213/137
 - Education (88), Social Service (32), Medical Referral (7), Housing (2), Medical Home (2), Health Insurance (3), Employment (2), Adult Learning (1)

Activity: Overdose Data to Action (OD2A): On April 23, 2020, FCPH submitted the Year 1 Annual Progress Report and Year 2 Work plan and Budget Narrative to the CDC for review. Below are summaries of a couple OD2A partners and their completed activities:

- o Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs (OJPP) launched the HOPE Resource Center which serves over 50 women per week and provides peer support services, clothing items, naloxone, meals, and personal hygiene items.

Community Engagement & Health Promotion (CEHP)

Activity: Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) continue to partner with local produce markets. In addition to produce markets, Clinton Township delivered 60 COVID-19 Emergency Senior Food boxes. These were shelf stable boxes of food for seniors who are at/below 300% FPL. Families/Individuals Served at April Produce Markets:

- o Clinton Township 4/10 – 238 Families/ 845 Individuals
- o Clinton Township 4/24 – 210 Families/ 731 Individuals
- o Prairie Township 4/18 – 157 Families/ 596 Individuals

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

Activity: Franklin County and Columbus Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Program (FC&C MRC) is currently deployed in 3 missions:

- 1) Swab Testing Strike Teams PARRT Program (Post-Acute Rapid Response Testing Program)
 - a. Testing long term care facilities of patients with potential symptoms.
- 2) Shelter Isolation and Quarantine (SIQ)
 - a. Medical support for individuals experiencing homelessness at shelter locations within Franklin County.
- 3) Mid-Ohio Food Bank
 - a. Support scheduled Produce Markets to provide produce to community residents.

Activity: In the month of April 82 new volunteers have been approved in Ohio Responds. Ohio Responds is the State database for all volunteers to register as a part of the FC&C MRC Unit.

Respectfully Submitted:

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