"City of Solutions" Adjustments to COVID-19

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Huntington, West Virginia

- Second largest city in West
 Virginia (population of 45,110)
- County seat of Cabell County (population of 91,945)
- Home to Marshall University
- Two Level 2 Trauma Centers Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center

Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy

- Formed by Mayor Steve Williams in the Fall of 2014
- Involved individuals on the frontlines to analyze the problem and develop strategies
- Broke down the silos & united the community to make positive change
- Facilitated many successful programs to assist those suffering from substance use disorder

Public Health System



Valley Health Medication Assisted Therapy Valley Health launches Medication Assisted Therapy in the region allowing FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling, to provide treatment approach for substance er patients Recovery Point West Virginia Uses 12-model to help men and RECOVERY 2009 women find lasting recovery 2011 2012 City of Solutions

Harm Reduction Program

one in the state to provide needle

services for non-violent drug and alcohol

Harm Reduction

• Drug Court Expansion 2015

Quick Response Team

Neonatal Therapeutic Unit One of the nation's first newborn units dedicated to caring for drug-exposed babies opens at

Cabell Huntington Hospital

Huntington's Road to Recovery



Quick Response Team

Initiates contact with individuals who have overdosed within 24-72 hours to discuss treatment options



Project Engage

Project Engage is a joint effort between Cabell Huntington Hospital & St. Mary's to unify policies & protocols to increase likelihood that patients with substance. use disorder will be prepared for and choose long term treatment upon discharge



Child Advocacy Center



Hoops Family Children's Hospital opens dedicated program to reduce



hildren who

are victims of abuse



HRSA Training Grant

New education initiatives established by Marshall Family Medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine with HRSA support to fight the opioid crisis in the region.



Facility that uses therapeutic

techniques for infants with

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Recovery Center at Cabell Huntington Hospital

Dr. Ahmet Ozturk and others modify pain management techniques amid



Healthy Connections Coalition

25+ groups uniting local efforts including River Valley CARES, a continuum of care for NAS infants coordinated by Marshall Health and Quality Insights



Long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) Cabell County Drug Court

partners with Marshall School of Pharmacy and Marshall OB/GYN to provide voluntary LARC methods to women with history of substance abuse.



2016

Maier Professor & Director of Addiction Sciences

Marshall University announces

Proact – Comprehensive Treatment Hub



2017

Toxicology lab expansion Onsite drug screening and advanced analysis



Compass Navigating Wellness

Project Hope for Women & Children



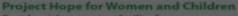
PROACT

Comprehensive treatment and recovery service hub



U.S. Surgeon General visits region

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams, visits Huntington for first-hand look at community partnerships working together to solve opioid crisis and substance use disorders.



Residential treatment facility for pregnant and postpartum women & their children that is a joint partnership between Marshall Health and the Huntington City Mission



2018 &

Barriers Due to COVID-19

Leadership/Community Barriers

- PPE for first responders and healthcare facility staff
- Need for policy changes
- Fear of the unknown
- Funding
- Revenue losses

Individuals with Substance Use Disorder and/or Mental Illness

- Isolation relapse without human interaction
- Fear of healthcare facilities
- Financial hardships, job loss, food security, eviction, etc.
- Homeless do not have a way to self-quarantine or isolate

Adjustments to COVID-19 Non-Congregate Housing

Immediate need for those in the community who cannot self-quarantine or isolate

Cabell-Huntington Health Dept. & Coalition for the Homeless partnered

- Working group formed to advise: City of Huntington, United Way, Mountain Health, Domestic Violence Shelter, City Mission, and State of WV
- Helped slow the spread of the virus
- Preserved hospital capacity

Adjustments to COVID-19 *Non-Congregate Housing*

22 rooms were rented at a local hotel

- Substance use disorder treatment offered including MAT
- Staffed 24/7
- Persons residing in shelter are exited to permanent housing

Start-up funding: State of WV, Cabell-Huntington Health Dept., the Pallottine Foundation, City of Huntington

FEMA & CARES Act continue to fund

Adjustments to COVID-19 Congregate Shelter

Huntington City Mission

- Opened Chapel with cots (properly spaced) to the unsheltered at night who refused to stay in regular side of Mission due to rules
- An overflow emergency shelter was established through a local recovery agency

Day Shelter for the homeless began using telehealth services to provide basic healthcare and access to therapy and medication management for MAT.

Utilized Marshall University staff to provide emotional support to clients through non-clinical conversations by phone.

Adjustments to COVID-19 QRT – Quick Response Team

Due to inability to avoid close contact with clients, began leaving support kits on porches.

Once the data showed there was a spike in ODs, naloxone was added to kits.

Counseling and support provided over the phone.

Once proper PPE was acquired, QRT began meeting with individuals if requested.

Adjustments to COVID-19 Overdose Data

Cabell County overdoses peaked in 2017 (1831)

2017

overdoses were down another 19% (878)

2019

2018

overdoses were down 40% (1089)

2020

overdoses rose 14% (999)