



Regional Substance Use Disorders Summit for Higher Education Sharing Best Practices

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❖ **Scott Allen, Chief, Bridgewater Police Department**

Scott has been the East Bridgewater Chief of Police since July 1, 2016. The Chief has been a police officer in East Bridgewater since 1995 and has been dedicated to combatting the drug epidemic throughout his career, becoming the department's first full-time drug investigator in 1997, spending years as a lead drug case investigator and undercover officer, helping to create a local regional drug task force (WEB Major Crimes and Drug Task Force) in 1999, partnering and collaborating on major crime and drug offenses with neighboring city detectives in Brockton, MA, as well as with State Police Drug Detectives, and all local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. Chief Allen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Detective in 2003, while continuing to supervise and work task force cases until taking over as the Officer in Charge of the WEB Major Crimes & Task Force in 2010, through his appointment to Chief of Police in 2016.

Chief Allen has been involved with EB HOPE since its first presentation, as a speaker at the initial "Don't Be Blindsided" event in 2012. EB HOPE is a community, grass-roots coalition comprised of key stakeholders within the East Bridgewater community, including members from town government, the police, fire, and school departments, Council on Aging, Board of Health, local clergy, local residents, local businesses, as well as individuals suffering from and/or in recovery from substance use disorders (SUDs), as well as family members and loved ones of persons suffering from or recovering from SUDs. EB HOPE is a non-profit, 501(C)3, registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Chief Allen has been an EB HOPE Executive Board member and advocate, having been a presenter and/or speaker at annual overdose candlelight vigils on the town common, other EB HOPE sponsored events, and community presentations.

In 2015, Chief Allen helped to create the EB HOPE Community Outreach Drop-In Center, which was designed to bring all treatment and recovery organizations together with local volunteers, twice per month at a local church, with the goal of referring and introducing those suffering from SUDs, family members and/or loved ones of SUDs persons, as well as the general public, to the existing professional treatment and recovery organizations who could assist this at risk population.

Chief Allen is the Operations Manager of the Drop-In Center, as well as the main author of the model's nearly 100-page business plan. Chief Allen has been a public presenter on the Drop-In Center model, including co-presenting along with the Department of Public Health to a wide array of groups including:

- 1) Massachusetts Association of Health Boards
- 2) Massachusetts Council on Aging
- 3) Numerous local police departments
- 4) Numerous area Opioid Coalitions
- 5) School student presentations

Since November of 2015, nearly 600 persons have visited the Drop-In Center and/or received assistance from EB HOPE's model. The Drop-In Center offers any visitor free access to a licensed clinician, Narcan and Narcan training,

treatment placement services from all of the largest treatment facilities in Massachusetts, as well as Peer Mentoring from the EB HOPE Recovery Angels. The Drop-In Center's main focus is to introduce the at-risk community and their support members, to the existing help services for those suffering from SUDs. Of the nearly 600 persons assisted and/or who have visited the Drop-In Center to date, over 150 SUDs persons have entered treatment and/or received some level of professional assistance. Nearly 300 additional visitors, including family members of persons suffering from SUDs, have received direct services at the Drop-In, who as a result are better equipped to help themselves and their loved one who is suffering from SUDs. Over 200 people have been trained in Narcan at the Drop-In Center. Chief Allen has shared the Drop-In Center business plan model with many other police departments and coalitions throughout Massachusetts and other parts of the country. Drop-In Centers based off of EB HOPE's model have already opened in Plymouth and Marlboro/Hudson, with others planned or opened with a similar format in Norfolk County with assistance from their District Attorney's Office.

In 2014, Chief Allen created a regional law enforcement overdose tracking database, which has been utilized to assist law enforcement while also providing help resources for at risk overdose victims, through the EB HOPE's Drop-In Center. Recently, the EB HOPE Drop-In model and overdose database initiative has helped to create a Plymouth County- wide, multi-platform approach for cooperatively combatting the current Opioid epidemic. In the fall of 2016, Chief Allen and Plymouth Police Chief Michael Botieri, also extremely active in proactive, community outreach SUDs initiatives, helped to create the Plymouth County SUDs Outreach Network. The Chiefs have helped to bring together all 26 Plymouth County Police Chiefs, the City of Brockton, and Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz' Office, in cooperatively implementing a county-wide proactive outreach SUDs model, combining initiatives including: 1)Tracking overdoses through one county- wide database; 2)Partnering and sharing resources, including supporting the regional Drop-In Centers in Plymouth, East Bridgewater, the Brockton Champion Plan, and other planned regional initiatives; 3)Partnering and sharing outreach of recent overdose victims with police, civilian, and professional expert teams, offering help resources to recent overdose victims and their family and support members; 4)Hosting monthly information- sharing meetings with all law enforcement partners, treatment and recovery organizations, local coalitions, healthcare organizations, and other agencies partnered with the county-wide SUDs Outreach Network.

Chief Allen has been involved in East Bridgewater with youth sports organizations for the past 13- plus years. He has been a board member and coach in East Bridgewater Youth Soccer, Youth Football, Little League Baseball & Softball, and Youth Basketball. Chief Allen was awarded the East Bridgewater Little League Volunteer of the Year Award in 2013. In 2016, Chief Allen was the

recipient of the Community Services of Greater Brockton's Excellence in Volunteer Services Award.

❖ **Dr. Lisa Battaglini, Dean of Education and Allied Studies, Bridgewater State University**

Lisa maintains a key leadership role at BSU and has promoted the advancement of applicable technology including the first BSU tablet initiative. In December 2016, she was a guest at the White House to represent BSU as an Innovator in Technology in Teacher Education. Her primary focus is in fostering meaningful inner-city public school partnerships, the development of projects focused on increasing science, technology and math teachers, service-learning, and international collaborations. Recently, on behalf of BSU, she accepted the National AACTE Award for Best Practices in Global Perspectives. Prior to her role as dean she spent 20 years as a special education professor and chairperson of the Special Education and Communication Disorders Department where she advocated for social justice, diversity, and inclusion. She has furthered these values by encouraging academic service in courses and in her role as the initial service-learning faculty coordinator at BSU.

Through a BSC Presidential Fellowship award, Dr. Battaglini was able to develop a BSU partnership with the Ministry of Education in the developing country of Belize which has culminated in bringing Belizean undergraduate and graduate scholarship students to the BSU campus annually and sending BSU students to Belize to work in the poorest schools in Central America. She has devoted her career to creating collaborations between inner-city public schools and the BSU College of Education and Allied Studies focused on improving teaching and learning through mutually beneficial programs and activities. This has resulted in the creation of the Footbridge Program, where children from Brockton, MA, spend two weeks attending courses and experiencing college life, the Bridge-Mentoring grant, the BSU Special Olympics Club, the BSU Universal Children's Day, and countless service projects. Additionally, Dr. Battaglini has worked closely with the University of Cape Verde and the Ministry of Education in Singapore to promote progressive teacher education. She has also teamed with the Deans of Science and Mathematics and Graduate Studies and the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to implement a BSU STEM certificate for teachers.

❖ **Fred Clark, Esq., President, Bridgewater State University**

On September 1, 2015, Fred was inaugurated as the 12th President of Bridgewater State University. Becoming the president of Bridgewater State caps a long and distinguished association with the university. Fred is a 1983 graduate of Bridgewater, majoring in political science. After graduation, Fred went on to receive a law degree from Suffolk University and then worked for Congressman Joseph Moakley as his district director, legal counsel and Washington liaison

officer. Fred was instrumental in working with Congressman Moakley in securing a \$10 million federal appropriation in 1991 to build what is now the Moakley Center for Technological Applications on campus. Continuing his service to Bridgewater State and to public higher education, Fred was the chair of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and later the executive officer of the Massachusetts State University System Council of Presidents. During his tenure at the Massachusetts Council of Presidents, Fred was instrumental in securing the passage of legislation that led to six of the state colleges being named universities.

In 2011, Fred returned to Bridgewater and was appointed Executive Vice-President and Vice-President of External Affairs, where he was responsible for a range of regional, state, national, and international programs and initiatives. In the area of regional engagement, Fred launched the Institute for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement to enhance relationships with municipalities and non-profits. Fred also helped to strengthen and expand ties to numerous businesses and business organizations in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Since his inauguration, Fred has implemented a number of programs and initiatives designed to continue Bridgewater's growth and academic excellence. One of his key priorities was the development of a data driven decision-making and strategic planning process that would lay the foundation for a comprehensive university-wide plan for the future of Bridgewater State beginning in 2017. Fred also established the Division of Student Success and Diversity, which will improve student retention, reduce achievement gaps, and assist students in the successful completion of their studies. Building on this commitment to student success, Fred intensified efforts to advance innovative programs in the areas of science and mathematics, undergraduate research, internships, adult learning, and support for faculty teaching and research.

❖ **Timothy Cruz, District Attorney, Plymouth County**

Timothy has served as the Plymouth County District Attorney since November, 2001. During his tenure he has aggressively prosecuted crime in Plymouth County. Working closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, his office has taken guns, drugs, violent felons, sex offenders, and drunk drivers off the streets. Most recently, DA Cruz has focused his office's efforts on battling the opioid crisis at all levels. In the summer of 2015, DA Cruz and Sheriff Joseph M. McDonald Jr. organized the Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force. The task force meets regularly and is comprised of approximately 30 members representing many areas including law enforcement, education, legislators, representatives from the health care industry, and substance abuse experts. Through specialized units in his office, DA Cruz works to protect children, the elderly, domestic violence victims, and the disabled from abuse. His office also works collaboratively with local law enforcement, social service agencies, health care professionals, the faith

community, and educators on crime prevention initiatives throughout the county.

DA Cruz has served as a member of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance; Department of Corrections Advisory Council; Governor's Council on Capital Punishment; and the Forensic Technology Subcommittee of the Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice Innovation. He has also served two terms as the president of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association. DA Cruz previously worked in private practice and as an assistant district attorney in Plymouth County.

❖ **Hillary Dubois, Director of Prevention Services, High Point Treatment Center**

Hillary, as director, coordinates two regional collaboratives which offer primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention services to nine communities in Plymouth County, Massachusetts. This position has Ms. Dubois working with various key stakeholders to educate the community including active opioid consumers, individuals in recovery, their loved ones, service providers, and the community at large on the risks factors of an overdose as well the signs and symptoms, and ultimately how to save lives.

Ms. Dubois has coordinated prevention grants in Brockton, MA, since February 2010. The Coalition has received funding through various grants through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, such as MassCALL2, Partnership For Success II, and the Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative, as well as the Drug Free Communities Grant through SAMSHA. Through the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant, Ms. Dubois also coordinates services around under-age drinking and other drug use in the Brockton catchment region, as well as the towns of Bridgewater, Plymouth, Carver, and Middleboro. Prior to Ms. Dubois' work with the Coalition, she worked with a variety of different populations.

In 2005, she worked with men who had just been released from prison at a transitional housing unit in Dublin, Ireland. All of the clients that she worked with, in addition to having criminal justice involvement, had substance abuse issues, with approximately half of the clients struggling with heroin use.

❖ **Scott Hile, Officer, Bridgewater Police Department**

Scott is a police officer with the Town of Bridgewater and has been a full-time police officer for 10 years. He is a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and has extensive training and experience in society's drug problem, including drug investigations, addiction problems, and treatment options. He is actively involved in reducing the drug and addiction problem by enforcing the drug laws and being an executive board member of the Bridgewater Substance Abuse Coalition. He has a master's degree from Bridgewater State University.

❖ **Jack Lally, Brockton City Councilor and Bridgewater State University Student**

Jack was elected in November of 2015 to serve as a city councilor in Brockton. Elected at the age of 18, Jack is the youngest elected official in the history of the City of Brockton. He now attends Bridgewater State University and majors in political science. Jack is working on increasing the city's tax base, implementing much-needed infrastructure overhauls, increasing public safety, and improving the city's financial state. On campus he is a commuter-at-large senator in the Student Government Association, and is working to form a student group called Open Eyes Save Lives to prevent substance abuse, especially on campus.

❖ **Stephen Marciano, Brockton Resident**

Stephen's older brother, Peter Marciano Jr., struggled with a substance abuse disorder for 25 years which ultimately led to his death in 2015, at the age of 48. Peter Jr. was a well-respected local baseball umpire, former Brockton City Council member, and a civically committed Brockton resident. Just after his death, his family would not speak publicly about his addiction or how he died. Stephen and Peter Jr., along with their brother Rocco Marciano and sister Elise Manning, grew up in Brockton. Their dad, Peter Marciano Sr., was the brother of Heavyweight Boxing Champion Rocky Marciano. Peter Jr. was an athletic superstar in his own right and graduated from Brockton High School. He earned a football scholarship to Iowa University in the 1980s.

Peter, always an exceptional football player, was first prescribed painkillers for a football injury at Iowa University. A year after Peter Marciano Jr. died of a drug overdose at 48 years old, his family, led by his brother Stephen Marciano, has decided to take on the fight against addiction and share Peter's story.

❖ **Daniel Muse, MD, Signature Healthcare - Brockton Hospital**

Daniel is a board certified emergency physician who has over 25 years of experience in the field. He has been practicing at Signature Healthcare -Brockton Hospital for the last eight years. He has also served as EMS medical director overseeing 13 departments and agencies. For the last three years, he has assisted the local district attorney's offices in advising and training law enforcement agencies in the use of nasal naloxone. This initiative was recently extended to school nurses and trainers in the Plymouth, Norfolk and Middlesex county communities.

As medical director of SportSmart, Dr. Muse manages concussions and works closely with the local communities and high schools in treating and educating the students, faculty, coaches, and parents about concussions and substance abuse. For the last year, he has also served as medical advisor for the Municipal Police Training Center. Dr. Muse has extensive involvement in his community. Prior to medical school, he served along with his wife as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador and Guatemala.

He has coached both hockey and lacrosse at the local and state level. He also founded Canton Lacrosse at both the youth and high school level. For the last 7

years, when time has permitted, Dr. Muse has brought a group of college students to Lima, Peru, to work at a special education school in a under-privileged area of the city called Canto Grande.

❖ **Amanda Sandoval, Assistant Director of Prevention Services, High Point Treatment Center**

Amanda began her professional journey at Bridgewater State University (BSU) in 2012. During her final semester working towards her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, minor in sociology, Sandoval was hired as an intern at BAMSI's Cope Center in Brockton, MA. The Cope Center, which serves as a Naloxone pilot site, inspired Sandoval's passion for working with individuals struggling with substance use disorders. After graduating from BSU, Sandoval began her career by working as a part-time administrative assistant for the Brockton Mayor's Opioid Overdose Prevention Coalition with a single grant.

Over the past four years, her natural ability to develop authentic relationships with community members and her hardworking nature allowed her to quickly move to her current role as the assistant director of the Brockton Area Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (BAOAPC) and Prevention Services for High Point. In her current role, Sandoval oversees five substance use prevention grants addressing nine communities in Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Sandoval has combined her skills and experience with her self-motivated and dedicated personality to develop and strengthen prevention related initiatives across Southeastern Massachusetts.

To further her experience and knowledge around addiction, Sandoval has served as a clinician for Brockton's Addiction Treatment Center at High Point. In addition to her roles through High Point, Sandoval is an active member of Community Services of Greater Brockton executive board and in the past has served as their secretary and treasurer. Currently, Sandoval is in the process of completing her masters in clinical social work program at BSU. In 2016, Sandoval obtained an internship at Rockland High School and worked with students within their junior and senior high school to further her experience as a future social worker. Sandoval is expected to graduate in May 2018.

❖ **Dr. Kenneth Texeira, Psychology Professor, Quincy College**

Kenneth holds a Ph.D. in applied developmental psychology from Fordham University. He is a distinguished professor of psychology at Quincy College at Plymouth. He was awarded faculty member of the year in 2016. He is also the research director of Drug Story Theater which has shown evidence of increasing perception of harm and reduction in actual substance use among high school students.

He has authored eight publications on topics ranging from bioethics, end of life decision making, and spiritual needs of cancer patients. Dr. Texeira has been applying his research on quality of life and mood in cancer care to the chronic illness

of addiction. His main research focus is to help health care teams better assess treatment outcomes in substance abuse populations.

❖ **Mary Waldron, Director, Institute for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement (IPARE), Bridgewater State University**

Mary is the director for the Institute for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement, which serves as a visible focal point for university initiatives by fostering collaborations, promoting citizenry, and conducting studies on topics of regional interest. Its purpose is to facilitate and improve communication, promote stakeholder engagement, and shape public debate on matters of regional importance as they contribute to a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous Southeastern Massachusetts. Prior to her role at Bridgewater State University, Mary served for eight years as the executive director of the Brockton 21st Century Corporation, the city's economic development agency.

Since its inception in 1993, she is the first female executive of the corporation. While at Brockton 21st Century, Mary managed all of the economic development activities for the City of Brockton. She also founded and organized two economic summits for the city with public and private stakeholders, two Brockton Business Diversity Celebrations and the THRIVE Awards, a program that recognizes outstanding small businesses in the city. In addition, she served on the executive committee and was a member of the Downtown Brockton Association and Mayor's Economic Advisors Committee. Mary continues to serve as chair of the Old Colony Planning Council's CED's Committee which provides a regional strategy for the region. Other professional activities include positions on SEED Corporation's Board of Directors and member of the Micro Loan Committee, Signature Healthcare Brockton Board of Trustees, and the Massachusetts Economic Development Council. Past employment includes MassDevelopment, business liaison for the Brockton Public Schools, chief of staff to Mayor Jack Yunits (1996-2001), Department of Communities and Development (DHCD), and the Massachusetts House of Representatives, serving both as a legislative aide and committee staff.

In 2014, she received the Metro South Chamber's Athena Award. In 1997, she received the Woman of the Year Award from the Brockton Women's Commission, and was a founder of the Red, White, and Black Ball, a celebration of Brockton held at city hall over a six year span. A native of Chicopee, Massachusetts, Mary holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western New England College and Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. A resident of Brockton, Massachusetts, Mary is the wife of the late John Waldron and the mother of a daughter, Casey Angela.