

## Virtual Opioid Task Force Meeting – Update November 19, 2020

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Dear Colleagues:

It was great to see so many of you at our meeting this morning and to hear about the important co-response programming in many of our communities - supporting and re-imagining the response to 911 calls when the issue involves behavioral health or SUD crises. The slides presented will soon be available on our website as will a recording of the presentations and a link to material from the Mystic Valley Behavioral Health event that DA Ryan and Eileen Dern referenced.

Our next meeting will be on December 16, 2020 and we will hear about a new web interface called ATLAS that, using information on 8 evidence-informed quality measures will allow users - whether they're potential patients, family members, providers, or first responders to make an assessment about appropriate levels of care and the quality of programs in their area; we will get an update from Lainnie Edmonds and her colleagues at the Lowell Co-op program on additional efforts to address police calls where behavioral health and SUD are at issue; and get an update from Sgt. Ed Burman about the implementation of the CIMS system – specifically to understand reports of non-fatal overdoses and BH calls, in an effort to identify any trends.

I look forward to seeing you then - please feel free to invite others and until then, please stay safe and enjoy a COVID-safe holiday.

Warm regards,

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