

# ALL TRACKS: CROSS-CUTTING INITIATIVES AND ISSUES – SECOND QUARTER STATUS REPORT

*Provided as a Reference to the Governor's Opioid State Action Accountability Taskforce.*

## Report Timeframe

**From:** 12/16/2017

**To:** 3/31/2018

## Highlights

Four tracks were developed at Governor Sandoval's Prescription Drug Abuse Summit in 2016. These tracks identified priorities for action for the State of Nevada. Activities that relate to and support multiple tracks have been categorized as "Cross-Cutting." The summit identified 3 cross-cutting themes:

- Design and implement data-driven collaborative systems for decision making to address the crisis.
- Implement public awareness to educate, inform, and engage the public, prescribers, physicians, and community-based organizations about the crisis.
- Ensure sufficient infrastructure and resources to address the crisis.

This summary summarizes cross-cutting initiatives not described in other track summaries, with a focus on prevention efforts that also extend across tracks. Also included in this summary are communication strategies.

## Milestones Completed

- The Nevada State Coalition Partnership coordinated a series of community-level naloxone training sessions and naloxone distribution to be implemented next quarter.
- Coalitions and community partners piloted "This is (Not) About Drugs" program in rural schools.
- Partners worked together on a Good Samaritan Overdose Act Public Service Announcement.

## Ongoing Action Items

- Provide education and awareness through local community strategies.
- Hold outreach events and activities.
- Participate in National Drug Take Back.
- Share information about safe storage of prescription drugs.
- Develop outreach materials in English and Spanish.
- Address opioid-related public health concerns through strategies such as needle exchanges.
- Provide support for people with family members who are struggling with addiction to prescriptions through Nar-Anon.
- Develop evaluation of innovative prevention programs to understand and communicate their impact.
- Report on prevention grants and plan next strategies and action steps.
- Track progress of projects through informal check-ins and meetings.
- Share projects' status through Accountability Task Force meetings.

## Milestones Anticipated in the Next Quarter

Description of Milestone	Target
1) Continue planning and implementation of community-based naloxone training and distribution	6/30/2018
2) Approval of AG's Good Samaritan message	6/30/2018
3) Continuation of "This is (Not) About Drugs" program beyond pilot counties	6/30/2018
4) Secure DisposeRx activation packets to distribute to 17 Nevada counties	6/30/2018
5) Distribution of Detera bags and 1-gallon buckets through the Coalitions for entities needing larger disposal capabilities	6/30/2018
6) Plan, organize and hold the April Accountability Task Force meeting	6/30/2018
7) Engage insurance providers in simplifying and sharing information about what is available. Encourage insurance companies to take a more active role in supporting national, state, and local efforts to address misuse	6/30/2018
8) Develop a summary of coalition efforts related to opioids to share information and strategies more broadly	6/30/2018

## Challenges and Recommendations

To support ongoing improvement, challenges identified during the quarter are offered, along with suggestions for consideration.

Public information and education will continue to be needed, and messages may need to change and develop based on the latest situation and developments. *Suggested Actions:*

- Look to local partners who are engaged with people at risk of overdose to help share information about the availability of naloxone and provisions within the Good Samaritan Overdose Act.
- Continue to provide information to the general public, linking national coverage of the opioid epidemic to strategies and efforts in place in Nevada.

The resources and projects can at times be disconnected and siloed. New solutions can emerge to help with communication across sectors and groups working on opioid issues. *Suggested Actions:*

- Continue improvements to information sharing across partners.
- Continue efforts to identify gaps in services and initiatives, and direct resources toward filling them.

## Resources/Information

**Public Announcement Prescription Drug Abuse** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-i6PIKdMug>

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[http://dpcb.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription\\_Drug\\_Abuse\\_Prevention/](http://dpcb.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription_Drug_Abuse_Prevention/)

**PBS Special on Opioids (trailer)** [http://www.pbs.org/wned/opioid-epidemic/home/?utm\\_source=promourl&utm\\_medium=direct&utm\\_campaign=opioids\\_2018](http://www.pbs.org/wned/opioid-epidemic/home/?utm_source=promourl&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=opioids_2018)

**Healthier Nevada** <http://healthierv.org/>

**Fact Sheet on Nevada's Good Samaritan Overdose Act**

[http://gov.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/govnv.gov/Content/News\\_and\\_Media/RX/SB459Overview.pdf](http://gov.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/govnv.gov/Content/News_and_Media/RX/SB459Overview.pdf)