

## TRACK 4: CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERVENTIONS - STATUS REPORT

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

### Report Timeframe

From: 3/16/2018

To: 6/30/2018

### Description

Track 4 strategies (criminal justice interventions) align law enforcement and public health efforts through coordination of initiatives and activities.

### Highlights

Progress was made on data sharing and incinerators.

- Three counties signed up for the overdose mapping system (ODMAP), and three more are in discussions to move forward.
- The Statewide Partnership on the Opioid Crisis (SPOC) established two active subcommittees which allowed for data sharing and coroner training related to opioids.
- The 2018 Nevada HIDTA Drug Threat Assessment Survey (NHDTA) and Nevada HIDTA criminal investigations revealed critical information about Nevada's drug threat. Prescription drug trafficking and abuse continue, with the supply and demand of creating a black market. Heroin remains a top-level threat due to its availability, lethality, and tendency to be sold in conjunction with synthetic opioids. Also, transitioning pharmaceutical opioid abusers may use heroin to self-sustain using it. The report also confirmed awareness of fentanyl is up in both law enforcement and medical communities.
- One in-state incinerator became fully operational, with four more in various stages of moving forward (permitting, building, etc.).

### Key Milestones

#### Overdose Mapping System (ODMAP)

- Three counties (Humboldt, Carson City, and North Las Vegas) signed up
- Three in discussions to sign on (Churchill, Douglas, and Washoe)

#### In-State Incinerators

- Fully Operational: Mineral County (Hawthorne)
- In Process: Nye County (Pahrump), Boulder City, Elko County, Storey County (Lockwood)

#### Partnerships and Working Groups

- Statewide Partnership on the Opioid Crisis (SPOC) convened
- Two subcommittees formed: real-time data sharing (ODMAP) and Coroner Training

### Ongoing Action Items

- Continue to explore options for a pilot use of ODMAP
- Continuation of working groups including Coroner's and ODMAP to improve the quality, timing, and utilization of data
- Provide training on implantable MAT for administration in facilities
- Incinerators installed and permits completed
- Training with and for law enforcement on naloxone online posted for remote use

## Milestones Anticipated in the Next Quarter

Description of Action Item	Progress
1) Work with jurisdictions already signed up with overdose mapping system to implement response plans	In process
2) Bring additional jurisdictions onboard with overdose mapping system and assist with response plans	In process
3) Monitor progress on incinerator installation and use	In process

## Challenges and Recommendations

Many of the proposed improvements to criminal justice interventions will take time to develop and implement.

*Challenge:* The impact of any new federal and state strategies to combat the persistent threat from prescription opioids may not be immediately apparent within a single reporting period. Nevada continues to be among the top prescribers for the most widely abused prescription drugs such as oxycodone and hydrocodone, and Clark County, in particular, is a source area for other cities and states. Northern Nevada is affected as well.

*Suggested Actions:* Continue to collect, compile and analyze data; trends, issues, and the impact of policies and practices will be more apparent in more time.

*Challenge:* Local communities vary in their specific needs. However, some practices could be shared across communities.

*Suggested Actions.* Develop a repository to share information from meetings. Continue efforts to understand the existing situations and make recommendations for improvements. Encourage dialogue and develop a shared understanding of both problems and potential solutions with law enforcement and other stakeholders.

## Resources/Information

### **Information about Diversion**

[http://id.dps.nv.gov/Enforcement/PharmaceuticalDiversion/Pharmaceutical\\_Diversion/](http://id.dps.nv.gov/Enforcement/PharmaceuticalDiversion/Pharmaceutical_Diversion/)

**ODMAP** <http://www.hidta.org/odmap/>

### **Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas. (2018, June). 2017 Nevada HIDTA Threat Assessment.**

Annual Drug Threat survey conducted by the Nevada HIDTA Investigative Support Center to solicit information from a significant number of law enforcement representatives from federal, state, and local agencies. The ISC uses this information along with PMP data to produce estimates of various aspects of drug trafficking activities to aid in the development of the Drug Threat Assessment.

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