

ALL TRACKS: CROSS-CUTTING INITIATIVES AND ISSUES - 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

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 three 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.

In addition to these themes, this summary also emphasizes cross-cutting *prevention* initiatives that are not covered in other track summaries.

Highlights

Partners worked together to continue education and outreach regarding opioids and Nevada's initiatives and policies aimed at addressing the crisis.

Prescriptions that were no longer needed by patients were obtained or destroyed, taking them out of circulation.

Nevada was **one of two states** that met **all six key actions** determined by the National Safety Council as critical to end the opioid crisis. This report was based on best available data as of Dec. 31, 2017, and published in April 2018. Key areas include:

- Mandating prescriber education
- Implementing opioid prescribing guidelines
- Integrating prescription drug monitoring programs into clinical settings
- Improving data collection and sharing
- Treating opioid overdose
- Increasing availability of opioid use disorder treatment

Milestones Completed

- Participated in National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, collecting 8,012 pounds statewide. Coalitions coordinated 21 events in 7 counties, collecting 4,740 pounds. DEA coordinated Clark County Take Back, collecting 3,272 pounds. Additional Clark County drug collections were coordinated by Coalitions and gathered another 2,601 pounds
- Continued planning and implementation of community-based naloxone training and distribution in partnership with CASAT and SNHD: 11 trainings, in 7 counties, more than 225 attendees
- Attorney General's Good Samaritan Overdose message approved
- Secured DisposeRx activation packets to distribute to 17 Nevada counties: 1,710 purchased and 2,000 on backorder
- Distributed 1,480 Deterra bags and 1-gallon buckets (for entities that need more substantial disposal capabilities) to 10 community coalitions. Conducted 32 Safe Disposal training in 12 counties

Ongoing Action Items

- Provide education and awareness through local community and Coalition outreach.
- Share information about safe storage of prescription drugs.
- Address opioid-related public health concerns through strategies such as needle exchanges.
- Provide support to individuals and family members through Nar-Anon.
- Develop evaluation of 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.
- Identify funding and resources that can be used to develop or sustain programs.

Milestones Anticipated in the Next Quarter

Description of Milestone	Status	Target
1) Conduct 12 naloxone distribution events in 7 counties by the end of August	In process	August 2018
2) Collaborate with CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) to bring 50,000 Detera bags to Nevada by mid-September	In process	September 2018
3) Launch AG's Good Samaritan Campaign	In process	August 2018
4) Continued implementation of Partnership for Success activities, including reduced use of prescription drugs for nonmedical purposes and conduct comprehensive community education through funded Coalitions	In process	August 2018

Challenges and Recommendations

To support ongoing improvements for cross-cutting work, suggestions for addressing the identified challenges follow for consideration.

- While considerable education efforts took place, there is a continued need for public education regarding new laws, practices, and resources.

Suggested Action: Continue efforts to inform Nevadan's about the changes and how to access services.

Resources/Information

Public Announcement Prescription Drug Abuse

http://dpcbh.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription_Drug_Abuse_Prevention/

Healthier Nevada <http://healthiervn.org/>

Fact Sheet on Nevada's Good Samaritan Overdose Act

http://gov.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/govnv.gov/Content/News_and_Media/RX/SB459Overview.pdf

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