

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: 7/1/2018

To: 9/30/2018

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 updates for 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 opioid crisis.

Community Coalition Directors were invited to collaborate with and attend the Combined Nevada Lab Drug Summit on September 24, 2018 in Las Vegas, along with HIDTA, DEA, Highway Patrol and District Attorneys from across the state. Resulted in a new collaboration, which will help the Coalitions link education and data from this group back to community efforts and partnerships.

The "*This is (Not) About Drugs*" program started again in September. The program developer is coming to Nevada October 22 to train 14 individuals selected from an application process. Participants include nontraditional partners as well as Coalition staff, with a minimum of two people from the selected communities. The program usage fee is paid and active for two more years.

Milestones Completed

- All 10 Coalitions participated in promoting twenty (20) community-based naloxone training and distribution event in partnership with CASAT and SNHD for all counties except Esmeralda, Pershing and Storey. This quarter, 319 individuals trained, and 638 doses of naloxone distributed. Total for year: 26 trainings, 465 attendees, and 930 distributed doses.
- Attorney General's Good Samaritan Overdose public service announcement launched the third week of August, airing PSAs in English and Spanish
- Secured 50,000 Deterra bags through CADCA. All partners connected with the Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) of Nevada trained on how to order and obtain the bags, which are going to the Coalition partners and medical communities, funeral homes, hospice organizations so that as many people as possible have access to bags.

Ongoing Action Items

- Coalitions continue to do their ongoing work at the community level related to alcohol and other drugs (in addition to opioids).
- Share information about safe storage of prescription drugs.

- Participation in National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, with next events for Nevada on October 22 (northern Nevada) and October 27 (southern Nevada).
- 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 information from cross cutting work through Accountability Task Force meetings.
- Identify funding and resources that can be used to develop or sustain programs, as PFS grant now focuses on alcohol, methamphetamines and marijuana.

Milestones Anticipated in the Next Quarter

Description of Milestone	Status	Target
1) Support ongoing education and naloxone distribution events throughout the State	In process	January 2018
2) Begin tracking by location and disciplines the number of Deterra bags distributed each quarter	In process	January 2018
3) Promote AG's Good Samaritan Campaign via PSAs available at http://healthierv.org/ in English and Spanish	In process	January 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	January 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

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)

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