Opioid Action Plan Implementation Initiative
Request for Applications

Informational Webinar: April 10, 2018

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Request for Applications (RFA)

• Grant application instructions & budget template
  https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-
  developmental-disabilities-substance-abuse-services-grant-opportunities

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Eligible Applicants

• Local government agencies
  – e.g., public health departments, departments of social services, county corrections, EMS agencies

• Community organizations

• Hospitals, health centers, clinics, pharmacies

• Other organizations that have a history of work in population health, substance use disorder prevention or treatment, harm reduction, and/or mental health services

• Non-profit organizations that have a history of work with people directly impacted by drug use
NC Opioid Action Plan: Focus areas

- Create a coordinated infrastructure
- Reduce oversupply of prescription opioids
- Reduce diversion of prescription drugs and flow of illicit drugs
- Increase community awareness and prevention
- Make naloxone widely available and link overdose survivors to care
- Expand treatment and recovery oriented systems of care
- Measure our impact and revise strategies based on results

ncdhhs.gov/opioid-epidemic
OAP Implementation Initiative

• Purpose: Implement strategies to
  – prevent opioid overdoses
  – increase access to opioid use disorder treatment
  – build local capacity to respond to the opioid epidemic by funding specific activities highlighted in the NC Opioid Action Plan
RFA Funding Restrictions

• Initiative funded through the NCGA
  – At this time, SFY 2019 appropriations have not yet been finalized
  – Notification is contingent upon funding availability

• All grant funded projects must consist of activities included in the approved list
  – Applicants may propose one or a combination of these activities

• Proposals that include at least one activity from Category A will be considered first, before proposals that only include activities from Category B
Category A: Supported Activities

1. Fund certified peer-support specialists or NC certified peer-support training to improve linkage to or retention in recovery and treatment
Category A: Supported Activities

2. **Connect justice-involved persons** to harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services. This may include establishing or expand existing **pre-arrest diversion programs** (e.g., Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion [LEAD], Hope Projects) or **post-arrest diversion programs** (e.g. recovery courts)
3. Establish post-overdose reversal response teams to prevent repeat overdose and connect those who have had a non-fatal overdose to harm reduction, and treatment and recovery supports.
Category B: Supported Activities

1. Create or expand syringe exchange programs
   - Work to build a referral network with SEPs for all required services, including naloxone access and treatment services
   - Funding cannot support the cost of syringes

2. Train first responders, community members, or others on naloxone administration

3. Train pharmacists to provide overdose prevention education to patients receiving opioids, increase pharmacist dispensing of naloxone, and link patients to treatment/recovery providers
Category B: Supported Activities

4. Conduct training on substance use disorder and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for audiences who interact with populations on MAT – e.g., local DSS agencies, court officials, law enforcement, etc.

5. Support training and technical assistance for sites to deliver office-based opioid agonist treatment (OBOT) services
Limitations and Restrictions

• Grant funds must be utilized in NC
• Funds are reimbursed on an expenditure basis
• No lump sum payments will be provided
• Grant funds awarded are one-time only funds and may not be carried forward beyond June 30, 2019
• See RFA for conditions about purchasing equipment in excess of $500
Limitations and Restrictions

**Restricted**

Funds may not be used
- to purchase vehicles
- to pay down existing mortgages and/or other loans
- for construction of new facilities
- to purchase syringes

**Allowable**

- Mileage reimbursement
- Leasing vehicles
- Requests for capital directly related to proposed project
  - Include an explanation of why the capital expense is needed
  - Complete the capital expense section of the grant budget template
  - Two quotes must be included for any single piece of equipment or software costing $5,000 or greater and for any type of building or facility modification/renovation costing $5,000 or more
- Other medical supplies to support syringe exchange programs
Sustainability

• All projects must show ability to create systems and processes that promote sustainability of the project/efforts being funded
  – Sustainability: ability of the project to maintain whatever improvements are created during the grant’s term by providing evidence of administrative, programmatic, technological, policy, and/or fiscal arrangements beyond the expiration of grant funding
Required Application Components

• Organization Information and Signature Sheet
• Budget template
• Copies of quotes (if needed)
• Summary of Evaluation Criteria & Baseline Data
• Letters of support (if applicable)
• Narrative document
  – 12 page limit
  – Single-spaced
  – 1” margins
  – Arial font sized 11
  – Using the section headings that follow
Narrative: Sections and Scoring

- Proposal Summary (≤500 words) (0 points/Not scored)
- Organization Background (5 points)
- Assessment of Need(s) (10 points)
- Project Description and Narrative (15 points)
- Collaboration and Community Support (10 Points)
- Project Evaluation (15 Points)
- Potential Impact (20 Points)
- Organizational Sustainability (15 Points)
- Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative (10 Points)
Required Performance Measures

Universal

• **Grantees must report** (baseline, target)
  - Number of unintentional and intentional opioid overdose deaths in the geographic region among the population of focus
    - E.g. All opiate deaths for all residents of X, Y, and Z counties
  - Number of unduplicated people served

• **Narrative should include** how you
  - define your geographic area/population of focus
  - collect these required data
### Required Performance Measures: Universal

**Opioid Action Plan Implementation Initiative:** Universal Measures

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Activity Specific

• Complete all metric tables for each activity included in the proposed project
  - E.g. if you propose to support peer support specialists, you must report on 2 universal measures and 3 additional required metrics specific to the peer support activity

• If desired, you may add up to two additional measures specific to each activity (not required)
Required Performance Measures

Activity Specific

• For each measure, you will need to include the following information:
  – Data Source: Where will you obtain the information you report for your performance measures?
  – Collection Process and Calculation: What method will you use to collect the information?
  – Collection Frequency: How often will you collect the information?
  – Data Limitations: What may prevent you from obtaining this information?
Other Requirements

Grantees shall also submit:

• Reports (quarterly and as requested)

• Monthly Reimbursements/Invoices
  − Due by the 10th of each month
Helpful Resources/References
Helpful Resources

• NC’s Opioid Action Plan, 2017-2021
  ncdhhs.gov/opioid-epidemic
IVPB Poisoning Data
http://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/Poisoning.htm

• Death Data
• Hospital Data
• ED Data
**County-Level Poisoning Data Tables**

See the topics below for data on various types of poisoning at the county level. Please see the footnotes at the bottom of each table for a description of each type of poisoning.

- **Death Data: by Intent, Drug Type, and County**
  - **All Intents**
    - All Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 221 KB)
    - All Medication and Drug Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 209 KB)
    - All Opiate Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 220 KB)
    - All Commonly Prescribed Opioid Medication Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 221 KB)
    - All Heroin Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 217 KB)
    - All Methadone Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 381 KB)
    - All Synthetic Opioid Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 304 KB)
    - All Cocaine Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 305 KB)
    - All Benzodiazepine Poisoning Deaths by County, 1999-2016 (PDF, 304 KB)
  - **Unintentional**
  - **Self-Inflicted**
    - Hospital Data: by Intent, Drug Type, and County
    - N.C. DETECT Emergency Department (ED) Data: by Intent, Drug Type, and County
    - Prescribing and Population Data: by County
    - Archived Data
In 2016, nearly 4 North Carolinians died each day from an unintentional opioid overdose. From 1999-2016, almost 11,000 North Carolinians lost their lives to unintentional opioid overdose. To combat the opioid crisis, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services worked with community partners to develop North Carolina’s Opioid Action Plan (NC OAP). The NC OAP launched in June of 2017 and established thirteen data metrics to track and monitor the opioid epidemic. The opioid data dashboard on this site is meant to provide integration and visualization of state and county-level metrics for stakeholders across NC to track progress towards reaching the goals outlined in NC OAP. For more information on the NC OAP visit: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/opioids

NC Overdose Overview Stats:

- **1,384** NC resident unintentional opioid overdose deaths in 2016
- **4,177** NC resident opioid overdose ED visits in 2016
- **600,343,000** Opioid pills dispensed to NC residents in 2016
- **3,684** Reported community naloxone reversals in NC in 2016

Check out the following ‘How-To’ video below to learn about the different ways you can use the dashboard, navigate its features, and apply the information to best meet your needs. We offer the information on the NC Opioid Dashboard in staged approaches, starting with an overview Summary Table of the metrics from North Carolina’s Opioid Action Plan, followed by specific metric information organized by its five strategy areas. For detailed information on each of the metric, including trends over time and a map of the data in each county, click the strategy area link to the left. Each metric also links to the Technical Notes for those who’d like to get into the nitty gritty details of the data.

**How-To Video**

[NC Opioid Data Dashboard Tutorial]

Unintentional opioid-related deaths are increasing in NC.

Naloxone Saves NC

Injury Free NC: Overdose

North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative

Welcome to the North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative. Here you will be able to find information about existing syringe exchange programs in the state, resources for healthcare providers and law enforcement agencies, testing and treatment programs, details about the limited immunity provided under the syringe exchange law, and information for health departments, community-based organizations, and other agencies interested in starting their own exchanges. Please find an updating list of active programs and contact information here.

North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative Assistance

As of July 11, 2016, North Carolina (S.L. 2016-88) allows for the legal establishment of hypodermic syringe and needle exchange programs. Any governmental or nongovernmental organization “that promotes scientifically proven ways of mitigating health risks associated with drug use and other high risk behaviors” can start a syringe exchange program (SEP). The Division of Public Health and the Department of Health and Human Services do not operate syringe exchanges in North Carolina.

Included in the law is a provision that protects SEP employees, volunteers, and participants from being charged with possession of syringes or other injection supplies, including those with residual amounts of controlled substances present, if obtained or returned to a SEP. SEP
naloxonesaves.org

**NaloxoneSaves.Org**

Providing information to pharmacies and the public about North Carolina's statewide standing order for naloxone

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**FOR NALOXONE DISPENSERS**

My pharmacy wants to participate in the standing order

**NALOXONE USER SURVEY**

I recently used naloxone

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

I am looking for more information about naloxone
Helpful Resources


• Pre-Arrest Diversion Program [http://www.nchrc.org/lead/law-enforcement-assisted-diversion/](http://www.nchrc.org/lead/law-enforcement-assisted-diversion/)

• NC Certified Peer Support Specialist Program [https://pss.unc.edu/](https://pss.unc.edu/)
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Will answer as many as possible here and post FAQs online

Questions and Answers
More Questions?

• Questions regarding the grant application may be directed to Smith Worth by email at OpioidInitiative@dhhs.nc.gov
  – Emailed questions accepted through April 16, 2018

• Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on the DMHDDSAS website www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-substance-abuse-services-grant-opportunities
THANK YOU!

Good luck!!