



Lackawanna County Opioid Overdose Coalition

Three Year Strategic Plan

September 2017- September 2020

A. Introduction

The Lackawanna County Opioid Overdose Coalition Three Year Strategic Plan is included in the pages below. The Strategic Plan was developed through the integration of the coalition's "Key Initiatives" and ideas/suggestions generated during the strategic planning workshop.

The priorities, strategies, and objectives included in this plan aim to provide an overview of the overarching goal (priority), the strategy for achieving that goal, and the identified objectives. Goals and strategies should not change based on political climate or other outside factors, but the objectives are more adaptable.

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Vision: Eliminating overdose in Lackawanna County.

B. Goals, Strategies, and Objectives

Goal 1: Ensure that every person in Lackawanna County has access to treatment at the appropriate level of care, including MAT and a 24/7 Warm Hand-off program.

Strategy: Increase access to treatment available to persons in Lackawanna County, including a 24/7 Warm Hand-off program and increased access to and capacity of treatment facilities.

Objective 1A: By *September 2020*, develop and implement a 24/7, hospital based warm hand-off program so that all individuals presented at the emergency department with an overdose will be screened and connected to treatment, if necessary.

Objective 1B: By *September 2020*, develop and implement a 24/7, non-hospital based warm hand-off program via first responders (ex. police, EMS), so that all residents in Lackawanna County will be screened and connected to treatment, if necessary.

Objective 1C: By *November 2019*, increase access to and utilization of MAT options, including methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.

Objective 1D: By *July 2020*, have sufficient capacity so that every individual who needs SUD treatment will access and utilize treatment at appropriate levels of care, for the appropriate length of time.

Objective 1E: By *August 2020*, all persons engaged in treatment throughout the continuum of care will receive support and guidance for non-treatment needs (ex. housing support, job training, etc.) and consistent monitoring for risk of overdose to support long term recovery.

Goal 2: Eliminate stigma in Lackawanna County.

Strategy: Implement a stigma reduction program aimed at eliminating stigma surrounding overdose in Lackawanna County.

Objective 2A: By *August 2020*, complete the modified Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) modified Stigma Reduction initiatives, for all relevant audiences.

Goal 3: Ensure that all residents of Lackawanna County are well-informed on overdose, signs of a Substance/Opioid Use Disorder, treatment options, and recovery programs available throughout the community.

Strategy: Launch a public awareness campaign to increase awareness for all individuals in Lackawanna County.

Objective 3A: By *January 2018*, develop a multi-platform (ex. social, digital, and print media) information campaign throughout Lackawanna County.

Objective 3B: By *June 2018*, facilitate engagement of interactive educational tools about overdose, signs of SUD/ODU, treatment and recovery, developing new materials when needed, putting them on the Lackawanna County coalition website.

Goal 4: Empower professionals to promote the health, safety, and well-being of persons at high risk for an overdose and/or with SUD/ODU or an active addiction.

Strategy: Increase addiction and overdose education for professionals who are in contact with individuals at high risk for an overdose, individuals with a SUD/ODU, and their families.

Objective 4A: By *October 2018*, increase research initiatives directed towards ensuring current treatment/healthcare best practices are being implemented throughout the county.

Objective 4B: By *March 2018*, develop educational toolkit and continuing education opportunities for prescribers/dispensers in Lackawanna County, in order to promote the implementation of best practices for safe opioid prescribing/use across all disciplines.

Objective 4C: By *February 2020*, all persons will receive training about addiction, overdose, and treatment services available in the county (including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)) and the PDMP, if applicable for the following groups:

- First responders;
- Healthcare professionals;
- Persons engaged in treatment; and,
- County agency staff who are in contact with high-risk individuals or family.

Goal 5: Create a centralized data repository to drive decisions and policy making.

Strategy: Implement and sustain a centralized, cross-system collaborative effort to collect, analyze, and report overdose related data for the purpose of informing residents and stakeholders in Lackawanna County.

Objective 5A: By *December 2017*, establish and execute a data sharing and communication plan between stakeholders using data to improve program quality and policy decisions.

Objective 5B: By *March 2018*, establish a dissemination and communication plan for release of data to the public.

Goal 6: Increase access to naloxone for all residents in Lackawanna County.

Strategy: Increase access to and education regarding naloxone, so that every person in Lackawanna County is aware of where to purchase naloxone, aware of Act 139 and the Pennsylvania standing order for naloxone, and can receive payment assistance when necessary.

Objective 6A: By *January 2019*, complete survey of county pharmacies regarding naloxone practices and policies, acceptance and understanding of Act 139 and the standing order, and overall consumer experience and provide education materials on naloxone to pharmacies that do not have naloxone in stock.

Objective 6B: By *March 2018*, areas at high-risk for overdose in Lackawanna County will be identified and naloxone trainings will be conducted throughout the identified hotspots.

Examples of training sites include, but are not limited to at county agencies, libraries, and schools.

Objective 6C: By *May 2020*, ensure that all pharmacies are carrying and co-prescribing naloxone in Lackawanna County.

Objective 6D: By *December 2019*, all of the following groups will be provided naloxone;

- Persons awaiting treatment;
- Persons leaving treatment; and,
- Persons leaving incarceration who would like naloxone.