

Opioid Prevention Strategic Framework Update – May 2019

Primary prevention



Action items completed/ integrated in standard work

- **3.2:** Ongoing state-level advocacy for policy change by Intergovernmental Relations; HF400/SF751 passed
- **4.1 & 4.2:** Environment & Energy has partnerships with Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and private pharmacies for medication disposal
- **4.5:** Medicine disposal bags standard practice for HCSO
- **5.1:** Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO) follows best practices for overdose crimes
- **5.3:** Ongoing review and update of drug court probation practices per national model

Action items in progress

- **1.1:** Data coordination team set
- **1.2:** Data collection and sharing tool created
- **1.3:** Communication plan created and being executed
- **2.2:** Addiction Help resource card created, 10,000 cards distributed to different departments and agencies
- **4.3 & 4.4:** Upcoming events/education/information on proper disposal and safe storage of medications

Response



Action items completed/integrated in standard work

- **6.1-6.3:** All Safety & Security trained in naloxone, meds procured, pilot running at 6 libraries; all HCSO deputies trained in naloxone
- **7.3:** Ongoing monitoring of national health injection locations

Action items in progress

- **7.1 & 7.2:** Pursuing grant funding to reinforce syringe exchange, naloxone distribution, and drug user education programs

Treatment and recovery



Action items completed/integrated in standard work

- **8.1.3:** Health care professionals available for consult as needed
- **8.2.3:** All stakeholders seeking grants on an ongoing basis
- **9.1:** Buprenorphine programs up and running in ACF and ADC

Action items in progress

- **8.1.1:** Multiple data work groups studying prevalence & disparity
- **8.1.2:** Community Intervention Design Team in development
- **9.1:** Working to ensure buprenorphine programs sustainable and evaluate success; ongoing monitoring of national trends in MAT
- **9.2:** Seeking grant funding to support expansion of Transition from Jail to Community and Integrated Access Team
- **9.3:** ODMAP response planning in progress

Efforts beyond the framework

- **OUD education & exploration of practice changes** for 4th District bench, Adult Representation Services, HCAO, PDO
- **Education on early childhood development** for ARS
- **MPH student summer intern** to help with data on MAT in ADC

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Up next

Year 1 of enacting Hennepin County's Opioid Prevention Strategic Framework saw extensive progress in all three pillars: primary prevention, response, and treatment and recovery. Many action items are completed or have been incorporated into standard practice, while a number of others are in progress.

The many successes of Year 1 have positioned Hennepin County to shift attention to larger-scale, cross-system issues and initiatives. To best support the work moving forward, Year 2 will include:

- **Updating the Strategic Framework:** Removing completed action items, evaluating those that remain for feasibility, and adding new items to reflect emerging needs.
- **Updating the membership and meeting schedule of the Steering Committee:** Recruiting members based on the updated framework and reducing the number of meetings to once a quarter.
- **Developing a grant funding strategy:** Defining needs that could likely be funded by grants to coordinate and streamline efforts in watching for and responding to opportunities.
- **Establishing data systems to inform and influence interventions and systems change:** Ramping up efforts of multiple working groups to generate reliable, defensible data on the prevalence of OUD for people who use county services and disparities in who is living with and dying from OUD.

Opioid Response Coordinator accomplishments

- **Policy publication: Criminal Justice System as a Point of Intervention to Prevent Opioid-Related Deaths.** This policy paper gave way to three critical system-wide interventions at the Adult Detention Center and the Adult Corrections Facility: 1) systematic opioid use disorder assessment upon intake, 2) initiation or continuation of medications for opioid use disorder, and, 3) linkage to ongoing medical care and treatment in the community upon discharge.
- **Conference presenter: United States Public Health Service.** "Partnering to Prevent, Rescue, and Treat Opioid Use Disorder Using Multi-sectorial Collaboration" presentation highlighted that sound data, strong community relationships, and administrative support have been key to successful opioid prevention interventions to date.
- **Poster presentation: University of Minnesota 20th Annual Robert P. Hebbel Department of Medicine Research Day.** "Criminal Justice System as a Point of Intervention to Prevent Opioid-related Deaths" was selected to be an academic poster, providing an opportunity to present Hennepin County's role in implementing policy through clinical research.
- **Collaboration with the City of Minneapolis Opioid Task Force.** Hennepin County participated in all four sub-committees of the Minneapolis Multi-Jurisdictional Opioid Task Force to guide, influence, and partner on key components of city-wide interventions that complement and align with Hennepin County efforts.