

## Heroin & Opioid Crisis Interagency Survey

### Heroin and Opioid Crisis Interagency Coordination Survey

During the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, Act 88 established the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE). The Council's purpose is to create an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan, coordinate parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal medication (Naloxone), and coordinate a central online location to disseminate information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan. Two sub-committees were formed to address this body of work: a Data Workgroup, and an Interagency Coordination Plan Workgroup.

The objective of the Interagency Coordination Plan Workgroup is to coordinate and organize existing initiatives and resources to assist in developing a statewide coordination plan. We are asking for your participation in this survey so we may gather information on heroin and opioid initiatives taking place within your organization **since July 1, 2016 (State Fiscal Year 2017)** and the impacts of these initiatives. We request a response to this survey by **close-of-business on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Please send completed survey responses to Brad Wellons with the Office of Behavioral Health at [brad.wellons@la.gov](mailto:brad.wellons@la.gov)

Feel free to share this survey with other agencies, organizations or departments, as well. Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your response.

### Organization Information

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## Agency/Organization Mission

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### 1. What is your agency's (or organization's) mission?

The mission of the Department of Insurance is to enforce the insurance laws and regulations of the state impartially, honestly and expeditiously. To this end, the highest ethical, professional and work quality standards will be exercised in all formal and informal relationships with individual, agencies and companies affected by the policies and actions of the Department. It is the Department's commitment to be the best insurance regulatory agency in the United States.

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### 2. How does addressing the opioid crisis impact your mission?

Insurance is one of the major funding mechanisms for prescriptions medications in the state whether health, liability, or workers' compensation. The LDI regulates insurers, third party administrators, and pharmacy benefit managers who must comply with applicable laws and regulations on the distribution of and payment for opioids. Opioids are a direct cost driver for insurers and a risk factor for claims, both of which affect the cost of insurance. Making people aware of the dangers of opioids is also part of the consumer advocacy function of the LDI.

## Current Initiatives:

3. Identify your agency's (or organization's) initiatives that address the opioid crisis since **July 1, 2016** **(State Fiscal Year 2017)**

### Initiative #1

#### A. Describe initiative:

The LDI uses various platforms to make the public aware of the dangers of opioids and to advocate for curbs on the prescribing of opioids. The public affairs division has issued press releases and posted to social media on the topic. The La. Property and Casualty Insurance Commission (LPCIC) has studied various aspects of the opioid crisis and supports legislation to curb the prescribing of opioids in workers' compensation. The Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC) made the opioid crisis the focus of its 2017 Annual Health Care Conference with presentations from the La. Department of Health, area doctors, and a speaker from the U.S. Office of the Surgeon General. The Commissioner speaks often on the subject before a variety of insurance and civic organizations, and he has testified before the legislature in support of various bills on the subject. The other side of this initiative is to try to learn more about what the LDI can do to contribute to responding to the crisis.

#### B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative:       Education  Awareness  Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

#### C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: July 1, 2016
2. In Progress:  Yes     No
3. End Date: None

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D. Identify the program indicators used to measure the contributions necessary to enable the initiative to be implemented. Indicators may include process and impact. To better understand an indicator, please refer to this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/indicators/index.htm>

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E. Target Population of this initiative: (check all that apply)

1. Age:             0-17             18-21             22-45             46 and older
2. Gender:         Male             Female             Other             Data not available
3. Geographic Location(s) – Identify the geographic location(s) impacted by your initiative (please check the appropriate type and list the specific region(s) in the text box provided below) :
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F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

- State general funds             Federal grant funds             Local/parish funds
- Private/foundation funds     Other funds

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G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

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H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

There is both a gap and an opportunity for partnership in working with the regulators and payers in various systems—health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, group plans, etc.—to learn how to limit the overprescribing of opioids using the payment systems as a control.

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\*If your agency has no other initiatives, go to question 4, page 18\*

## Initiative #2

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### A. Describe initiative:

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### B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative:       Education  Awareness  Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

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### C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress:  Yes     No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

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F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

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H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

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## Initiative #3

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### A. Describe initiative:

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### B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

Prevention – type of Prevention initiative:       Education  Awareness  Outreach

Treatment

Other

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### C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress:  Yes    No
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F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

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H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

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## Initiative #4

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### A. Describe initiative:

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### B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative:       Education  Awareness  Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

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### C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress:  Yes     No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

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F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

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G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

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H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

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## Initiative #5

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### A. Describe initiative:

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### B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative:       Education  Awareness  Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

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### C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress:  Yes     No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

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H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

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I. If your agency or organization has additional initiatives, please list them here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Future Opportunities

4. Identify any potential opportunities to partner with other agencies or organizations to expand the scope of your initiatives:

Click or tap here to enter text.

5. What new initiatives would you undertake if funding were available?

Click or tap here to enter text.

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6. Please provide any additional information that you feel necessary to explain or help us understand any of your responses to this survey:

The LDI is focused on the regulation of insurers and the managers of insurance benefits. The LDI may not have a direct impact on the opioid crisis but it has the ability to enforce the laws applicable to the insurance sector. It also has the ability to study and evaluate the economic effects of the crisis as measured in the insurance industry. The Commissioner has the ability to publicize the crisis and its effects.

**Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please remember to save the survey document and send to [brad.wellons@la.gov](mailto:brad.wellons@la.gov)**