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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 5th, 2018**. Please send completed survey responses to Brad Wellons with the Office of Behavioral Health at 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.

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Agency/Organization Mission

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

To protect the people and resources of the State of Louisiana by providing superior legal representation, and interpretation, professional and effective law enforcement, and public education programs.

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

Our mission includes representing the State in litigation against the opioid manufacturers and other entities responsible for the opioid crisis. That litigation is pending in the 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Additionally, our mission requires that we address the opioid crisis at the consumer level by educating the public on the dangers associated with opioid use and by providing resources to combat those dangers.

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 Department partnered with the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance (LAA) to create the Opioid Abuse Prevention Fund. The Fund is financed by a rebate from Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. paid to the LAA for each Amphastar Naloxone Syringe in the amount of 2 milligrams purchased by a LAA member from Amphastar. The goal of the fund is to combat opioid addiction through education on the signs and dangers of opioid abuse and on safe practices for storing and disposing of all medications and by identifying available resources for the treatment of addiction. In addition to producing an educational brochure for distribution to all parties touched by the opioid crisis, the fund has financed the creation an educational website, endthepidemicla.org. The rebate program is in its second full year of operation.

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: November 2016
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: November 2019, with anticipated extension

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>

- Program Indicator 1: Frequency of use of endtheepidemicla.org website
- Program Indicator 2: Distribution of and request for educational brochure
- Program Indicator 3: Funds generated by rebate program
- Program Indicator 4: Use of drop boxes identified on website

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) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

- Partnership 1: Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Partnership 2: Louisiana Amblulance Alliance
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Other pharmaceutical companies may consider the same or a similar rebate program which could provide funding for education, prevention, outreach and treatment services.

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

Initiative #2

A. Describe initiative:

In May, 2017, Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, in partnership with Southwest Louisiana Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and Fire Chiefs, announced a combative initiative to arm first responders with a tool to aid opioid overdose victims. Attorney General Landry's office, through a settlement with Pfizer, for \$1 million of Naloxone is making single draw-down doses of naloxone available to first responders who request them. Interested agencies complete a questionnaire and then receive a voucher or vouchers from the Louisiana Department of Justice (LADOJ) to pick-up the naloxone at local pharmacies upon presentation of the voucher(s). The naloxone comes at no real cost to the agency itself and helps get first responders much needed resources to combat the opioid epidemic plaguing our State. The LADOJ keeps track of what agency has the vouchers and how many, and gets the naloxone to drug wholesalers who get it to pharmacies to be available for pick-up by interested agencies. Additionally, due to the large amount of product included in the settlement, the LADOJ may take the opportunity to provide naloxone to state-run or not-for-profit organizations such as – but not limited to – drug rehab centers, hospitals, half-way houses, and shelters.

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: May 2017
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: Indefinite based on large supply of Naloxone

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>

- Program Indicator 1: Number of doses distributed
- Program Indicator 2: Number of lives saved with those doses
- Program Indicator 3: Recovery rate for those whose lives are saved with those doses
- Program Indicator 4: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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

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

- Partnership 1: Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company
- Partnership 2: First responders statewide
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

The distribution of free Naloxone to other agencies has not yet been initiated but is undoubtedly needed by non-profits who run hospitals, detox centers, treatment centers, halfway houses, three quarter houses, shelters and other programs for homeless persons, those with substance use disorders and other high risk populations.

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

Initiative #3

A. Describe initiative:

In September 2017, Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA), the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), and numerous law enforcement agencies in announcing a collaborative effort in Louisiana's fight against the opioid epidemic. Through a partnership with BCBSLA and NADDI, the Louisiana Department of Justice (LADOJ) is providing drug take back boxes to sheriff's offices and police departments across the State. These boxes serve as resources for those looking to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. The goal is to encourage all citizens to get rid of unused prescriptions in an effort to save lives from abuse and overdose. There are currently close to 60 drug take back boxes located throughout the State and a complete list of location is provided at endtheepidemicla.org. More locations are anticipated.

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: September, 2017
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: None anticipated

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>

- Program Indicator 1: Number of take back boxes in place
- Program Indicator 2: Amount of prescription medication deposited in the boxes statewide
- Program Indicator 3:
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

- Partnership 1: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA)
- Partnership 2: National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI)
- Partnership 3: Numerous law enforcement agencies
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

None known.

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

Initiative #4

A. Describe initiative:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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>

- Program Indicator 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

- Partnership 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Initiative #5

A. Describe initiative:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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>

- Program Indicator 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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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- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

- Partnership 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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