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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.

Organization Information

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Agency/Organization Mission

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

Hospice of South Louisiana exists to provide symptom control and support for persons in the last phases of incurable disease so they may live as fully and as comfortably as possible.

Hospice of South Louisiana recognizes dying as a part of the normal process of living and focuses on maintaining the quality of remaining life.

Hospice of South Louisiana affirms life and neither hastens nor postpones death.

Hospice of South Louisiana exists in the hope and belief that, through appropriate care and the support of a caring community sensitive to their needs, terminally ill patients and their families may be free to attain a degree of mental and spiritual preparation for death that is satisfactory to them.

Hospice of South Louisiana offers palliative care to all terminally ill patients and support to those patients and their families without regard for diagnosis, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, race, creed, disability, age, or place of residence.

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

Our mission is to provide symptom control for patients with an incurable disease so they may live as fully and as comfortably as possible. Opioids are used for symptom control in our patient population; therefore not having access to these medications would directly affect the comfort level of our patient population.

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:

We have a policy on tracking and disposing of controlled drugs in the patient's home.

With regards to tracking, the nurse performs a medication count on each visit and notes any discrepancies between the amount of medication administered to the patient per the MAR and the amount of medication remaining. The nurse documents any misuse of controlled substances and notifies the patient's physician, the pharmacist, and the clinical director for further intervention. An occurrence report is completed for suspected or actual diversion of controlled substances and the IDT, in consultation with the hospice Medical Director, the patient's attending physician and the pharmacist determine the appropriate course of action, including reporting the diversion to appropriate authorities.

With regards to disposing of controlled drugs, when controlled drugs are no longer needed by the patient, the family, accompanied by the hospice nurse as a witness, is responsible for disposing of the patient's drugs by either mixing them with cat litter and/or flushing them down the toilet when the patient no longer needs them. If the pt/CG/family refuse to allow medication to be destroyed, it is documented including the medication name, strength, and amount remaining. The pt/CG/family signs attesting their refusal and the patient's attending physician is notified of the refusal.

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: 2004

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: Controlled substance medication information on MAR
- Program Indicator 2: Controlled substance medication count documentation at nursing visit
- Program Indicator 3: Identification of discrepancy/misuse of controlled substance
- Program Indicator 4: Follow Policy and Procedure regarding discrepancy/misuse/disposal of controlled substance

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

We service a 50 mile radius from our office location.

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 #2

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

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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

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?

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Initiative #3

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

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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

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?

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Initiative #4

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

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

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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

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.

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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) :
- 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.

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:

Perhaps working with area Coroners Offices to evaluate opioid statistics.

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