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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?

Protect Louisianians from poison incidence by providing emergency assistance and expertise, preventative education, advocacy and research

Our vision

Saving Lives With Answers

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

Since 2009 with the detection of the first synthetic cannabinoids, additional man hours are expended each day to provide drug information, collect substance and medical information, research new and ongoing drug of abuse patterns and provide education to the lay public, students, healthcare providers and emergency response personnel at all levels about the dangers associated with these new drugs, the effects that may be observed, and the best treatment to date based on information gathered in the National Poison Data System (NPDS). All 55 poison centers in the U.S. upload de-identified case information in near real time fashion to NPDS. Heroin use/abuse has been noted since the Louisiana Poison Control Center (LAPC) opened in 1992. Abuse of opiates and opioids have been noted since 1992, the rise in related cases has been documented, and the emergence of new novel opioids was first noted in the early 2000's. Our mission falls perfectly in line with expanding our efforts to provide appropriate treatment recommendations to healthcare providers as well as provide bothe awareness and prevention education to all Louisianians. The number of cases related to these drugs reported to the poison center has increased along with the severity of the cases we document. Where drug use related to heroin and other opiate/opioid drugs most often involved persons over the age of 18 the prevalence of these drugs in and around children has resulted in an alarming rise in the number of pediatric cases where the medical and clinical toxicologists at the poison center are consulted to assist in the medical management of a particular patient.

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:

Monitor drug trends in Europe by working with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMDCCA). Monitor for the emergence of new drugs of abuse in the U.S. by working with the DEA, monitoring trends in the National Poison Data System, collecting samples and testing for substance(s) to help detect new drugs. Since 2009 As the result of efforts by poison center staff Dr. Ryan has recommended to the Secretary of the Department of Health and the State Health Officer 14 new novel drugs abuse that should be scheduled by emergency rule and placed in Schedule I of the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act. These included synthetic cathinones, synthetic cannabinoids, novel benzodiazepines and most recently several analogs of fentanyl.

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: 7/1/2016
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: No end date 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: Monitor data for changes in use of drugs of abuse
- Program Indicator 2: Keep a listing of new and emerging drugs of abuse
- 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: EMCDDA
- Partnership 2: U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency
- Partnership 3: American Association of Poison Control Centers National Poison Data System
- Partnership 4: Louisiana State Police Crime Lab

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

Limited by testing laboratories who are able to and are willing to do specialized testing to identify new drugs of abuse, identify and measure metabolites, and provide quantitative testing in addition to the qualitative identification.

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

Initiative #2

A. Describe initiative:

Provide education about all opiates and opioids with a focus on the new and emerging substances. Included in the education to healthcare providers, EMS and law enforcement is appropriate use of naloxone, how naloxone works and what the patient response may be when naloxone is used. Also included is the potential danger of working in proximity to these drugs and what precautions are appropriate.

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: 7/1/2016
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: No end date 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 healthcare providers reached in education sessions
- Program Indicator 2: Number of Fire/EMS providers educated
- 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: LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport
- Partnership 2: Louisiana Coroners Association
- Partnership 3: Fire/EMS/Police agencies
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

We would like to extend our outreach and education efforts to additional partners but are limited by a lack of available funds.

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

Initiative #3

A. Describe initiative:

Conduct research related to opiate and opioid use and abuse. Publish results of research in peer reviewed journals.

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: 7/1/2016

2. In Progress: Yes No

3. End Date: No anticipated end date

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 articles, case reports and letters to the editor regarding opiates/opioids published
- 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: American Association of Poison Control Centers National Poison Data System
- Partnership 2: The Researched Abuse, Diversion and Addiction Related Surveillance (RADARS) System
- Partnership 3: Various other state poison centers in the U.S.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

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

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?

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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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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:

We currently partner with the State Police Crime Lab and the Northwest Louisiana Crime Lab to identify new substances of abuse.

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

Additional targeted education outreach to all areas of Louisiana.

Testing to identify new and emerging drugs of abuse

Sampling blood, urine, plasma to identify drug present, metabolites present, and assist in determining the range of toxicity for new substances. This data would assist in poison center staff providing the most appropriate treatment recommendations to those exposed and the healthcare providers treating overdosed patients in hospital emergency departments.

Making overdose to the poison center a reportable condition in the state. This would allow the poison center to provide a much more accurate scope of the overdose problems associated with various drugs, along with the symptoms observed, treatments provided, duration of symptoms, and medical outcome. Location of the exposure or overdose could be provided to assist law enforcement identify "hot spots" of drug use.

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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