

# Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education: 2017 End-of-Year Update Report

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## Act No. 88

### MEMORANDUM: Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education: 2017 End-of-Year Update Report

December 28, 2017

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Louisiana State Senate  
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Louisiana State House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Walt Leger III, Author  
Louisiana State Senate  
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The Honorable Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson  
Louisiana Supreme Court  
400 Royal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Governor Edwards, President Alario, Speaker Barras, Representative Leger, Chief Justice Johnson, and Dr. Mitchell:

In response to the interagency plan requirement set forth in Act 88, the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE), an introductory meeting was held on November 6, 2017. Attached is the update report for year-end status. This update includes an overview of the meetings that were held this calendar year, the council's organization, a status update on the council deliverables, and a contact list for council members.

The council will resume meetings next year in February. They will then begin the process of updating the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.

I hope you have found this information useful. Should you have any further questions or require additional clarification regarding the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education, please do not hesitate to contact HOPE support staff at [Catherine.Peay@la.gov](mailto:Catherine.Peay@la.gov).

Sincerely,



Michelle Alletto  
Deputy Secretary

## Meetings

### Introductory Meeting

The Advisory Council on HOPE held an introductory meeting on November 6, 2017. Following the meeting, the next meeting date of December 7, 2017 was announced.

### First Official Meeting

The first official meeting of the Advisory Council on HOPE was held on December 7, 2017. Meetings will resume in February 2018 to begin drafting the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan. Attached to this report is the presentation given during the meeting. The minutes will be presented for approval during the February meeting.

## Council Organization

### Leadership

Chair: Michelle Alletto, Deputy Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)

Co-chair: Matt Adams, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Legislative Affairs, Board of Regents

### Work Groups

- Data and Surveillance – The purpose is to coordinate parish-level data.
- Programmatic, Policy, Initiatives, and Impact – The purpose is to create an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.

## Council Deliverables and Status

**The council shall serve in an advisory capacity to the board and establish an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.**

- Status: The plan will be developed by the Programmatic, Policy, Initiatives, and Impact work group, beginning in February 2018.

**The council shall coordinate parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal medication as current and accurate statewide data is critical in educating both those involved in policy development and the citizens of this state.**

- Status: The Data and Surveillance work group will work on the parish-level data needs beginning in February.

**The council shall also coordinate a central online location to disseminate information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.**

- Status: To be decided at February meeting.

## Membership: Advisory Council on HOPE Contact List

Appointed By	Member Name	Position	Email Address
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