Miami-Dade Opiate Task Force

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Scope of the Problem

- In 2014, an estimated 1.9 million people in the U.S. suffered from substance use disorders related to prescription opioids and an estimated 586,000 people were addicted to heroin.
- Drug overdose deaths have surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of unintentional injury death in the U.S. among 25-64 year olds.
- In 2015, there were over 52,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S., and over 33,000 (63.1%) of these deaths involved an opioid.
- Florida ranks 4th in the nation in terms of the number of drug overdose deaths, with 3,228 drug overdose deaths in 2015.
- Over 2,500 deaths in Florida were caused by at least one (1) opioid in 2015.
DCF Mission

“To work in partnership with local communities to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.”
DCF Priority Populations: Substance Abuse Block Grant

1. Pregnant injection drug users
2. Pregnant drug users
3. People who inject drugs
4. All others
Highlights:

- Increase the percent of pregnant women, injection drug users, and individuals involved with child welfare receiving substance abuse services and successfully completing treatment.

- Strengthen the substance abuse prevention workforce.

- Reduce opioid related overdose deaths through the implementation of a comprehensive overdose prevention initiative.
DCF Action

- Expand primary prevention programs in middle and high schools
- Expand access to treatment, with a focus on medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction
- Implement recovery-oriented systems of care
- Implement a comprehensive Overdose Prevention Program
State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant (STR)

- **Award Amount:** Florida eligible to receive $27,150,403 per year for up to two (2) years (for a total of $54.3 million over the 2-year period)

- **Application Deadline:** February 17, 2017

- **Target Priorities:**
  - Develop and provide opioid misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for the purposes of addressing the opioid abuse crisis (based on needs identified in a strategic plan)
State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant (STR)

- At least 80% of the award must be spent on opioid use disorder treatment and recovery support services
- Conduct a needs assessment identifying the prevalence of opioid-related harms, treatment providers, all existing activities and funding sources, and gaps in these activities
- Develop a comprehensive state strategic plan to address gaps in prevention, treatment, and recovery services
- Design, implement, and evaluate primary and secondary prevention activities proven to reduce opioid use disorders and opioid-related deaths
State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant (STR)

- Expand access to EBPs for opioid use disorder treatment, particularly MAT
- Eliminate or reduce treatment costs for under-insured and uninsured patients
- Provide treatment transition and coverage for patients reentering communities from criminal justice settings or other rehabilitative settings
- Enhance or support peer and other recovery support services
Partnerships for Success (PFS) Grant

• Project began on October 1, 2016 and will operate for five (5) years

• Award Amount: $1.2 million per year

• Activities:
  – Fund enhancements to PDMP
  – Implement school-based prevention programs in rural counties
  – Train individuals on overdose prevention
  – Develop Drug Epidemiology Networks and the State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup
DCF Overdose Prevention Program

Since August 2016:

• Purchased and distributed 2,448 naloxone kits through 13 publicly-funded drug treatment centers across nine (9) high-need counties to get naloxone into the hands of the people we serve, and their families, who may witness or experience an opioid overdose

• Trained 500 individuals across the state on opioid overdose recognition and response

• Implemented naloxone standing orders at two (2) DCF drug treatment center pharmacies

• Promoting awareness about 911 Good Samaritan and naloxone access laws
Florida Task Force Action Plans

• Increase access to naloxone among law enforcement, treatment centers, pain patients, pharmacies, and people who use drugs and their family members
• Increase access to MAT
• Advocate for increases in funding for detox beds, ambulatory detox beds, and care coordination programs
• Promote non-medication pain management therapies
• Advocate for continuing education requirement for physicians and nurses on opiate misuse and overdose prevention and SBIRT
• Expand campus-based collegiate recovery communities
• Implement pilot programs for at-risk heroin-addicted inmates in jails, to include naloxone distribution and enrollment in MAT
• Coordinate housing for individuals upon discharge from a treatment program
DCF Recommendations for Miami

• Encourage safe prescribing practices and increased utilization of the PDMP
• Document and address the unmet need for MAT services
• Increase access to naloxone
• Enhance care coordination for overdose victims
• Promote Florida’s overdose prevention laws (naloxone and 911 Good Sam)
• Provide referrals to treatment for syringe exchange program (SEP) participants
• Encourage the adoption of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programs
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