

2018

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

OPIOID ADDICTION

TASK FORCE



BACKGROUND

2016 Miami-Dade Opioid Addiction Task Force Formation

In response to the illicit and prescription opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in Miami-Dade County, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, in partnership with the State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, the Department of Children and Families, the Florida Department of Health, and Miami-Dade County's Board of County Commissioners Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. founded the Miami-Dade County Opioid Addiction Task Force. Members of the Task Force consist of several subject-matter experts and stakeholders representing agencies, departments, and offices working to end the opioid epidemic. Based on a review of evidence-based and evidence-informed practices, the Task Force provided recommendations to reduce opioid overdoses, prevent opioid misuse and addiction, increase the number of persons seeking treatment, and support persons recovering from addiction in our communities. The Task Force also examined healthcare solutions, the role of the justice system in opioid prevention, and raising awareness and improving knowledge of misuse.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Opioid Addiction Task Force recognizes the serious public health problems associated with the opioid epidemic occurring in Miami-Dade County. Task Force Members created an action plan with 26 recommendations that invoke sustained population-wide health improvements. The participating agencies understand that combining community efforts can achieve a lasting social change and are committed to implementing these recommendations to the extent that resources and legal authority allow. The members of the Task Force strongly encourage all other organizations and individuals to do the same. Entities, charged with implementing specific recommendations, report on their progress quarterly to staff support. The Task Force Members will monitor this plan for a year and will meet as needed to discuss best practices and opportunities for improvement to address meeting the goal of reducing opioid addiction, preventing overdose deaths, and improving the quality of life in Miami-Dade County.

Shared Commitment:

- Organizations that accept the responsibility of a recommendation agree to implement to the extent that resources and legal authority allow
- Reporting members agree to submit reports the 20th day after the closing of the reporting quarter
- Champions will meet as needed to review progress until the plan has achieved completion of the recommendations

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Acronyms

ASOC = Adult System of Care

CSOC = Children System of Care

DCMA = Dade County Medical Association

DCF = Department of Children and Families

IDEA Exchange Program = Infectious Disease Elimination Act Exchange Program

MAT = Medication Assisted Therapy

ME = Managing Entity

MDPD = Miami Dade Police Department

SFBHN = South Florida Behavioral Health Network (Managing Entity)

ROSC = Recovery Oriented System of Care

SOR = State Opioid Response

STR = State Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant

Progress of Recommendations

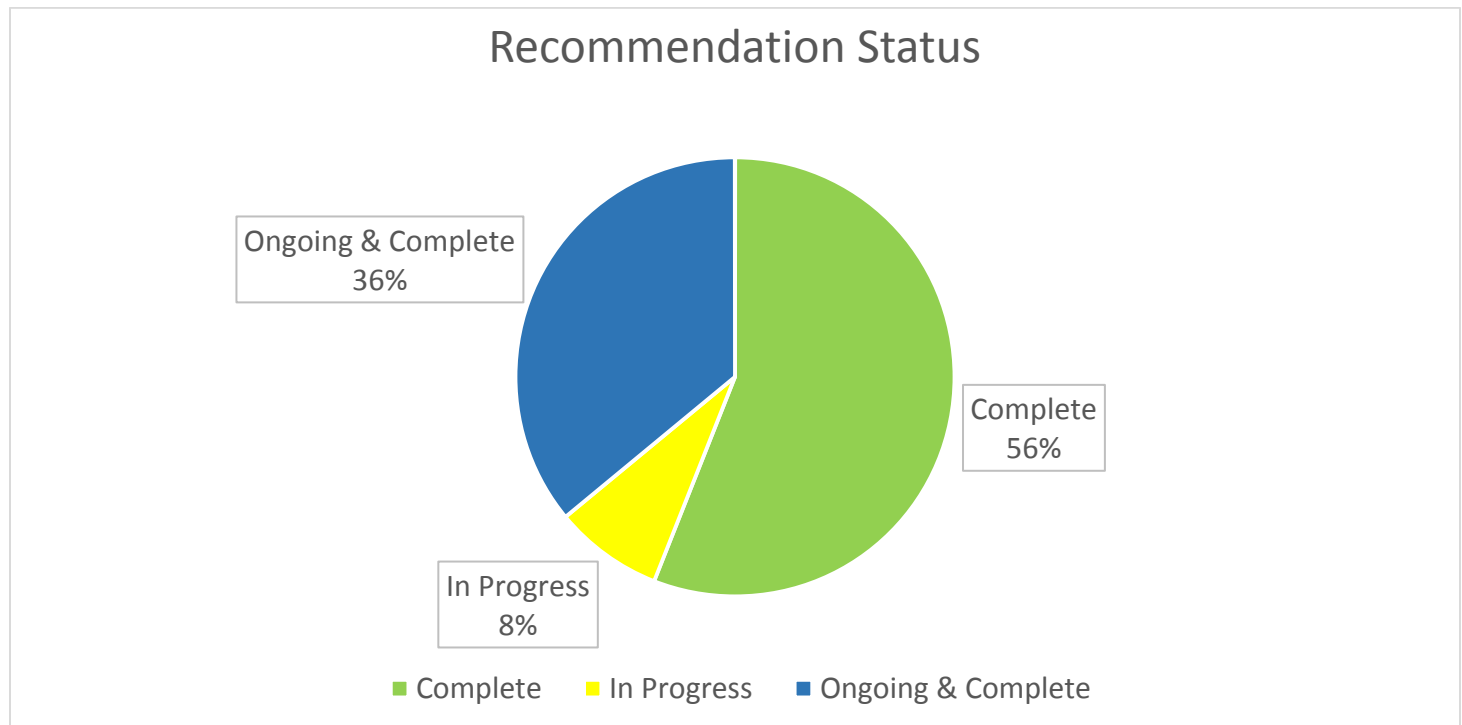
There is currently a total of 25 recommendations. One recommendation was not carried forward from the Opioid Task Force Recommendation Report (recommendation 4 under Law Enforcement, Justice, and First Responders Committee) and merged with another recommendation (E2) during implementation. The tracking of recommendations started in October 2017. The chart below highlights the progress of the recommendations. Each recommendation in the report has a designated status.

Complete The recommendation has been implemented and sustained by champions

In Progress Recommendation has made progress towards completion

Ongoing & Complete The recommendation is executed, the improvement is continuous, and maintained by champions

Behind The recommendation has made no progress



Healthcare Solutions

Goal: Maximize access to care and enhancing screening for opioid misuse and opioid use disorder

The **Healthcare Solutions** recommendations explore maximizing access to care and enhancing screening for opioid misuse and opioid use disorder. These efforts include leveraging and augmenting existing screening practices in health care settings to prevent and identify opioid use disorder, reduce drug-related overdose deaths, and promote healthcare collaboration

COMPLETE & ONGOING H1. Promote the collaboration between healthcare providers and Healthy Start, along with the American College of Obstetricians (ACOG), to implement screenings and reduce the risk of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

Champions: *Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, Dade County Medical Association, Correctional Health System, Federally Qualified Health Center*

Actions: **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade** developed a presentation to educate healthcare providers about screening and reducing the risk of NAS. 84 OB/GYN practitioners received training. On May 16th, Healthy Start hosted a one-day conference in collaboration with Holtz Children's and the Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial addressing NAS and opioids targeting clinical providers, social workers, and law enforcement. **Dade County Medical Association (DCMA)** will work with local hospital executives to promote these NAS screenings and include information in DCMA publications. DCMA is also working with local hospitals offering obstetrics services to create a continuing medical education program. **Jessie Trice Community Health System (JTCHS)** have implemented steps to ensure sound care for expectant mothers, including case discussion of pregnant women with a history of substance abuse and making appropriate referrals, collaborating with a residential treatment facility, establishing relationships with local hospitals for transferring care and educational opportunities. JTCHS

2018 Florida Legislation

Senate Bill 458: Controlled Substance Prescribing (Passed): Limiting an initial prescription for a controlled substance that is an opioid to a 7-day supply; providing exceptions to supply limits for certain patients; requiring a health care practitioner who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete a continuing education course as a condition of initial licensure and biennial licensure renewal, etc.

House Bill 21: Controlled Substances (Passed): Requires practitioners to complete specified board-approved continuing education course to prescribe controlled substances; defines "acute pain"; provides for adoption of standards of practice for treatment of acute pain; limits prescribing of opioids for acute pain in certain circumstances; requires pain management clinic owners to register approved exemptions with DOH; provides requirements for pharmacists & practitioners for dispensing of controlled substances to persons not known to them; conforms state controlled substances schedule to federal controlled substances schedule; revises & provides definitions; revises requirements for prescription drug monitoring program.

is currently working with Live Healthy Miami Gardens who has recently acquired grant funding through the CDC. JTCHS' role in this grant will emphasize breastfeeding – one component of which will be a careful evaluation of maternal and infant substance abuse and substance treatment histories before initiation. An OB case manager is being hired to assist with tracking referrals of expectant mothers. The CHW will help teams with screenings for substance use disorders.



COMPLETE H2. Advocate for mandatory continuing educations for physicians, dentists, and clinical providers on opiate misuse and heroin abuse, prescribing, and substance abuse **Champions:** *Commissioner Heyman*

Actions: On October 17, 2017, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution urging Florida legislators to pass legislation bills that would support this recommendation. Governor Rick Scott signed the opioid legislation into law on March 16, 2018.

COMPLETE & ONGOING H3. Facilitate immediate linkage to care from first responders to medication-assisted treatment, detox and treatment services

Champions: *Jackson Health System, South Florida Behavioral Health Network*

Actions: **Jackson Health System** has initiated a hospital pilot program utilizing peer specialist to link opioid-related overdose victims to treatment. These individuals will be engaged in the Emergency Departments in Jackson Memorial and Jackson North Hospital. **South Florida Behavioral Health Network (SFBHN)** is working with Jackson Health System to provide outpatient MAT services to individuals presenting at the emergency department and embed peer navigators to assist with care coordination. SFBHN has also established partnerships with law enforcement agencies and other frontline staff, to increase the number of individuals accessing treatment services. SFBHN and Jewish Community

Enhancing Healthcare Solutions in the Field – Highlights of Best Practices to address the Homeless Population

South Florida Behavioral Health Network (SFBHN) and *Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD)* have partnered together to focus on engaging chronically homeless consumers that reside on Miami Beach, with a history of mental illness or substance abuse and need care coordination services. When MBPD identifies a consumer, SFBHN Care Coordinator is contacted to coordinate placement, a treatment provider, and if required a hospital. If detox services are needed, SFBHN assists MBPD with accessing a detox bed and coordinating admission. This best practice has been presented at various conferences throughout the Nation. The City of Miami Police Department has met with MBPD and will begin implementing the program in February 2019 and discussions have been initiated with Broward Behavioral Health Coalition and Broward Sheriff's Office.

A partnership has also been established between *SFBHN*, *IDEA Exchange*, and the *Miami Police Department* to offer shelter and treatment for those individuals participating in the needle exchange program. At the IDEA Exchange, participants are offered clean needles, a naloxone kit, and treatment services. If a participant decides to initiate treatment, the person is linked to SFBHN for services. Many of the identified individuals are homeless. The Miami Police Department Outreach Team also works with the IDEA Exchange, to connect these individuals with shelter placement. Individuals are provided an assessment, Medication Assisted Treatment, and Outpatient Treatment through *The Village* while they wait for residential treatment. Once a bed is available, the individual is transported to the facility by law enforcement. This best practice highlights the partnership between a law

Services have coordinated efforts to provide opioid information should first responders call the 211 Helpline. SFBHN collaborated in the development of a Baker Act Transportation Plan which incorporates access to care for individuals suffering from substance abuse disorder. In collaboration with Miami Dade County and the Department of Children and Families, SFBHN opened a Centralized Receiving Facility (CRF) at Banyan Health Systems provides Medication Assisted Therapy treatment when appropriate.

A new partnership was established with **Jackson's Corrections Health System (JCHS)** to discuss individuals that are in jail due to a Marchman Act contempt order. A process will be determined where SFBHN can share information with JCHS to assist in discharge planning into residential treatment. JCHS requested a presentation by SFBHN to their discharge planners on November 8, 2017. SFBHN's Care Coordination Manager, Adult System of Care Manager and Forensic Services Manager, met with Jackson's Corrections Health Department for in-service training on available resources/services through SFBHN. During the meeting, procedures and protocols, along with points of contact, were established between SFBHN and JCHS to assist individuals that are incarcerated that need behavioral health services while in jail and upon discharge. This new partnership will significantly benefit all individuals, including those linked to Care Coordination, as it will help to maintain treatment in jail and will lead to better discharge planning into the community.



COMPLETE H4. Review and develop regulations to promote safe prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances

Champions: Commissioner Heyman

Action: On October 17, 2017, a resolution passed the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to act on urging Florida legislator to pass legislative bills that would support this recommendation. House Bill 21 and Senate Bill 458 passed in the 2018 Florida Legislative session.



COMPLETE H5. Encourage medical providers to utilize the prescription drug monitoring database (PDMP)

Champions: Florida Department of Health

Action: On October 9, 2017, Senate Bill 458: Controlled Substance Prescribing was filed and would mandate the use of the PDMP and House Bill 21: Controlled Substances was also filed. Both bills were introduced in 2018 Florida Legislative session and passed. **Florida Department of Health** is initiating authorization to initiate interstate data sharing agreements to provide prescribers a complete view of patient's history and approval to work with electronic health records to facilitate workflow efficiency for prescribers and dispensers.



COMPLETE H6. Expand mental health and drug screenings in healthcare settings to prevent and identify opioid use disorder

Champions: Department of Children and Families, South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Federally Qualified Health Center

Action: All publicly funded sites are required to use validated mental health and drug screenings. There is no control over the screenings used in private medical providers. **Jessie Trice Community Health System** recently received grant funding from HRSA to expand its behavioral health program with an

emphasis on substance abuse. The goals of JTCHS' proposed expanded access to mental health and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse are focused on improvements in the existing service delivery system's approach and treatment processes, specifically:

- 1) Accurate identification of opioid-related substance abuse and mental health issues via screening/assessment in at-risk patients in the primary clinic setting;
- 2) An improved clinical intervention that creates access to behavioural health services
- 3) Increased numbers of both existing and new patients accessing mental health and substance abuse services.

A full-time nurse practitioner dually certified in family medicine and psychiatry has been deployed to assist with screening, primary care and behavioural health services for patients who may have addiction problems. JTCHS will use a mobile unit to help with screenings and assistance to the community who need behavioural health services that include addiction.



COMPLETE H7. Assist the community with filing Marchman Act petitions by funding a care advisor to assist with the process.

Champions: *Addiction Services Board*

Action: Miami-Dade County-Community Action Services Department has created a position to assist the community with filing Marchman Act petitions.

Treatment and Recovery

Goal: Adjust treatment and recovery system capacity to ensure timely access for individuals seeking opioid agonist pharmacotherapy

The **Treatment and Recovery** recommendations address individuals experiencing opioid use disorder, who desire opioid agonist pharmacotherapy and have timely access to treatment. The recommendations explore meeting the needs of the community and adjust treatment capacity to meet the demand for services.

COMPLETE & ONGOING T1.

Expand, enhance and strengthen the current Miami-Dade County existing treatment “continuum of care” by developing and implementing a comprehensive opioid addictions treatment “Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC).”

Champions: Department of Children and Families and South Florida Behavioral Health Network

Action: The Department of Children and Families (DCF) and SFBHN are implementing the ROSC initiative. DCF hired a Recovery Oriented Quality Improvement Specialist to work in collaboration with SFBHN and lead the initiative in the Southern Region as part of the ongoing efforts to move towards a more Recovery Oriented System of Care. Table 1 highlights the implemented actions.

Table 1: How Miami-Dade County is implementing a Recovery-Oriented System of Care

The Department of Children and Families in collaboration with South Florida Behavioral Health Network continues to apply the Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) initiative in the Southern Region. Several tasks continue in these efforts which include the following:

- Leading Recovery-oriented Coalitions
- Providing funding to the Peer Coalition of Florida to host ROSC related workshops
- Meeting with community service providers to have open discussions on recovery-oriented practices and implementing peer services
- Meeting with Medication Assisted Treatment Providers to understand current practices and aligning towards Recovery Oriented practices
- Educating case managers on the elements of ROSC, MAT and Peer Recovery services
- Providing technical assistance to Peer Specialists
- Developing a Substance Use Coalition for the Southern Region ROSC.
- Administered a ROSC Self-Assessment/Planning Tool to the Southern Region network of providers to measure a baseline for the implementation of ROSC.
- Received specialized training through the Florida Certification Board to provide Quality Improvement Monitoring of Network Providers to ensure the adequate implementation of ROSC.
- DCF has strongly encouraged collaboration for the Acute System of care by infusing Recovery Oriented practices in acute settings, as such NAMI will be providing Peer to Peer groups at inpatient facilities.
- Implementing Recovery Community Organizations
- Discussing housing options to expand aftercare services from substance use treatment

COMPLETE & ONGOING T2. Seek and obtain funding, and explore all available options, including but not limited to, developing and implementing a recurring funding source to support opioid addiction services, including paying for the appropriate medication(s) in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) (i.e., Methadone, Buprenorphine, Suboxone, Naloxone, Vivitrol, etc.)

Champions: *Department of Children and Families and Government of Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget*

Action: The Miami-Dade County Grants Coordination Division (OMB-GC) conducted targeted searches for grant opportunities. The Division continues to seek-out grant opportunities at the State of Florida, and the U.S. Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services, to support the recommendation.

SUMMARY OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES APPLIED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OMB-GC IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

Funding Source:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Project Title:	Miami-Dade County Dependency Drug Court Response to Family Treatment Needs
Receiving Department:	Miami-Dade County award, as fiscal agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Grant Amount:	\$2,125,000 Five one-year periods with \$425,000 each project year
Description:	In collaboration with Miami-Dade County, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Dependency Drug Court program and its partner, the Family Resource Center of South Florida, Inc., will implement a family-focused, trauma-informed service delivery and training project.
Funding Source:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Project Title:	MDC System of Care Expansion and Sustainability for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances
Receiving Department:	Miami-Dade Office of Management and Budget, as Fiscal Agent and applicant for the South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc.
Grant Amount:	\$4,000,000 Four (4) one-year periods with \$1M each project year
Description:	The project will improve and expand services provided by the system of care for young adults with serious emotional disturbances, or those who experience severe mental illness in Miami-Dade County.
Funding Source:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Project Title:	Miami-Dade County Adult Drug Court Enhancement Project: Opioid Response
Receiving Department:	MDC as fiscal agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Grant Amount:	\$2,000,000 (Five one-year periods with \$400,000 each project year) (<i>pending</i>)
Description:	In collaboration with Miami-Dade, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court program and its partner, the Trauma Resolution Center, Inc. will implement a service capacity expansion project designed to provide trauma-specific therapeutic services to drug court participants.

Funding Source: Department of Justice
Project Title: Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Victims Project
Receiving Department: MDC's Community Action and Human Services Department
Grant Amount: \$750,000
Description:

Funding Source: Department of Justice
Project Title: Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Project
Receiving Department: MDC's Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination
Grant Amount: \$1,000,999 for a three-year project period
Description: OMB-GC will manage and coordinate a collaborative partnership with Miami-Dade County's Opioid Addiction Task Force, Florida International University, Miami-Dade County Public School System, and South Florida Behavioral Health Network providing projects, services, and activities targeting children and youth in middle schools, high schools, and the community

Funding Source: Florida Department of Health
Project Title: Miami-Dade County Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program
Receiving Department: Miami-Dade Police Department
Grant Amount: 300 doses of Luerlock pre-filled Naloxone syringe
Description: The Miami-Dade Police Department was approved for 300 doses of Luerlock Pre-filled Syringe (Naloxone HCL) to implement the Naloxone Administration Pilot Program (NAPP), which will provide MDPD the ability to respond to medical emergencies involving victims of opioid overdoses. The NAPP is a six-month pilot program in the North District. A total of 24 uniform officers assigned to that patrol area will be trained and certified in the NAPP. Officers assigned to the area will attend an eight-hour training and certification program in the recognition and emergency treatment modalities for opioid overdoses, utilizing the Narcan intranasal delivery device.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (*pending application*)
Project Title: Miami-Dade County Opioid Response Partnership Expansion Project
Receiving Department: Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination Division, as Fiscal Agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
Grant Amount: \$2 million (five years)
Description: The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida's Miami-Dade County Adult Drug Court (ADC), and its partner, the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, will expand the Opioid Response Partnership which has succeeded in improving the stabilization and recovery of participants with Opioid Use Disorder. The Opioid Response Partnership, formed in 2016, has been at the forefront of the opioid battle, and was a necessary intervention given the alarming increase in opioid use and deaths in the County. The proposed Project will broaden its scope to serve

individuals with other Substance Use Disorder, including alcohol. Participants will receive comprehensive case management, detoxification, Medication Assisted Treatment and mental health counseling as needed. The partners have agreed to address service gaps identified by an analysis of ADC participants who need help with non-opioid addiction and/or mental illness. The ORP Expansion will serve 200 participants over five years.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA
Project Title: Miami-Dade County Marchman Court Targeted Strategies for “High Risk/High Need” Substance Users Project (*pending application*)
Receiving Department: Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination Division, as Fiscal Agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
Grant Amount: \$1.125 million (3 years)
Description: The Marchman Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida is requesting \$1,125,000 in SAMHSA grant funding to provide treatment and recovery support services to 120 substance users (over three years) who are assessed as high risk/high need and do not have insurance coverage for substance use treatment. The Marchman Court implements Chapter 397 of the Florida Statutes, known as the Marchman Act, which provides a means of assistance for individuals suffering from substance use impairment, and any co-occurring mental illness, so severe that these individuals are either at risk of self-neglect or likely to inflict serious harm to themselves or others. SAMHSA’s support of the proposed special project will better position Miami-Dade County in responding to state legislative requirements, increasing public safety, actualizing system-level successes, and improving access to treatment for Marchman Court respondents through a civil process; and thereby, reducing individuals’ risk for involvement in the criminal justice system because of addiction.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY OMB-GC THAT DID NOT RECEIVE FUNDING

Funding Source: Department of Justice
Project Title: Opioid Overdose Outreach Project
Grant Amount: \$300,000

Funding Source: Department of Justice
Project Title: System-level Diversion and Alternatives to Incarceration Project
Grant Amount: \$400,000

This fiscal year 2017-18, **Department of Children and Families** has given SFBHN \$995,410.00 (STR grant funds) to address the opioid epidemic and contract MAT services providers in Miami Dade County. Effective July 1, 2018, House Bill 21: Controlled Substances appropriates to DCF: \$27 million in nonrecurring funds from the Federal Grants Trust Fund for expenditures related to the second year of the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant and \$14.6 million in recurring funds for community-based services to address the opioid crisis. This funding shall be used to increase access to and reduce waitlists for treatment, increase efforts to engage and retain in treatment youth, pregnant women, and high utilizers of acute care services, and further enhance a recovery-based model of care. Funding for specific services may include but are not limited to, case

management, residential services, outpatient services, aftercare services, and medication-assisted treatment. Medication-assisted treatment may consist of but is not limited to, methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone extended-release injectable. DCF, in collaboration with SFBHN, repurposed an additional \$1.5 million to implement MAT in our community to tackle the opioid epidemic. DCF has contracted with the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) to enable providers to access and receive reimbursement for naltrexone extended-release injectable medication (Vivitrol). The legislature allocated an additional \$100,00 for Here's Help, Inc., a specialized opioid treatment and residential substance abuse training program.

DCF in collaboration with FADAA sponsored statewide conference that took place in Tampa on June 26, 2018. The focus of the discussion was "Treating Opioid Use Disorder Through State Targeted Response." DCF announced that due to the importance of ameliorating the opioid epidemic in Florida, the Department of Children and Families is creating a statewide Opioid Coordinator position. DCF is placing additional emphasis on opioid-related data and services to ensure the reoccurrence of the funds from the federal government and to position ourselves for any funds lapsed by other states.

There are two providers in Miami, which currently have a contract with FADAA to receive the Vivitrol (Banyan Health Systems and The Village South). Also, SFBHN received an additional \$150,000.00 from DCF for the implementation of the pilot program at Jackson in October 2017. Closely tied to this task, DCF identified that it was imperative to collect timely and accurate data to support our efforts to address the opioid epidemic. As a result, DCF has modified the Data Pamphlet 155-2, Chapter 6c to set more stringent guidelines for reporting detoxification episodes. DCF in collaboration with SFBHN is also placing additional emphasis on opioid-related data and services to ensure the reoccurrence of the funds from the federal government and to position ourselves for any funds lapsed by other states.

The 2018 Florida Legislature appropriated recurring general revenue to the **Department of Children and Families** in the amount of \$14,626,911 for FY 2018-19 (Chapter 2018-13, Laws of Florida) to enhance the entire substance abuse continuum of care including, but not limited to, outreach, addiction treatment, and recovery support services. Funding shall be used to expand capacity to increase access to and reduce waitlists for treatment; improve efforts to engage and retain youth in treatment, pregnant women, high-risk populations and high utilizers of acute care services; and further, develop a recovery-based model of care. The Department allocated funds to each managing entity based upon a combination of prevalence rates of illicit substance dependency and abuse, federal poverty levels and the number of uninsured individuals in each managing entity service area. According to the methodology used the Department allocated \$ 2,038,590.00 to SFBHN. These funds were amended into the DCF contract with SFBHN and effective on September 1, 2018.

Additionally, the Department (DCF) amended \$934,902.00 from the State Targeted Response (STR) federal grant and an additional \$150,000.00 for the Opioid Hospital Based pilot on September 1, 2018. The Department

SYSTEM PRIORITIES FOR STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT FUNDING

1. **ESTABLISH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY-BASED METHADONE OR BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**
2. **ENSURE ACCESS TO BUPRENORPHINE MAINTENANCE IN ALL COUNTIES.**
3. **ANALYZE AND PLAN FOR SUSTAINABILITY.**
4. **MONITOR AND IMPROVE RETENTION IN CARE.**
5. **BUILD PEER CAPACITY.**

allocated \$ 636,471.00 to create and expand the existing Mobile Response Teams (MRT). The Department amended an additional amount of **\$1,618,971.00 from the State Opioid Response Grant (SOR) on December 18, 2018**. Out of those funds, \$1,415,549 are for the provision of MAT, \$119,660.00 are for Prevention services, and \$83,762.00 for the administrative costs of the grant.



COMPLETE T3. Provide comprehensive psychosocial services when using medication-assisted treatment model.

Champion: *Department of Children and Families and South Florida Behavioral Health*

Action: DCF in collaboration with the managing entity ensures that dollars contracted for the provision of MAT are in conjunction with comprehensive psychosocial services that are individualized based on individual needs. The managing entity has contracted with The Village South, Banyan Health Systems, and Agape for the provision of MAT. All the individuals that have received MAT services have received comprehensive psychosocial services as specified in their treatment plans. Furthermore, Chapter 65E-14 (DCF Financial Rule) requires that MAT services are in conjunction with substance abuse treatment. SFBHN contracts with providers reference the financial rule, and all contractors shall abide by these requirements.



COMPLETE T4. Develop entry points where Medication MAT can be delivered, such as but not limited to jail facilities, primary care settings, and public emergency rooms.

Champion: *Jackson Health System, Department of Children and Families, Dade County Medical Association, South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Correctional Health System*

Action: **State of Florida Legislature** under Florida Statutes 401.253 requires a hospital with an emergency department to develop a best practices policy to promote the prevention of unintentional drug overdoses by connecting patients who have experienced unintentional overdoses with substance abuse treatment services. **Jackson Health System** and **Miami-Dade County Adult Criminal Drug Court** established a MAT Outpatient Clinic to treat opioid use disorder to treat 50 patients in 6 months. On February 18, 2018, **DCF** released a memo authorizing Managing Entities (MEs) to contract with for-profit Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) for methadone- and buprenorphine-assisted treatment and recovery support services using SAMHSA's State Targeted Response funding. This memo is significant for Miami-Dade County, as the only licensed methadone maintenance provider is a for-profit organization.

The mentioned exemption allows SFBHN to contract with the methadone provider using the STR funding. **DCF** in collaboration with **SFBHN** has created 12 MAT entry points with community providers.

NEW MAT ENTRY POINTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

1. Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital
2. Jackson Health System - Emergency Room
3. Jackson Healthy System - Crisis Stabilization Unit
4. Citrus Health Network
5. The Village South
6. Agape Family Ministries
7. Banyan Health Systems (2 entry points)
8. Better Way of Miami
9. Miami-Dade County-Community Action Services Health Department
10. Catholic Charities – St. Luke's
11. New Hope CORPS
12. Miami-Dade County Adult Criminal Drug Court
13. Camillus House
14. New Horizons

The Department published the Opioid STR Hospital-Based Pilot Programs guidelines. The concept of this pilot program is to use time spent in the emergency room/ hospital to initiate buprenorphine induction and engage the individual in an on-going treatment and recovery support. This pilot program is connected to recommendation T.1 (ROSC) as the hospital pilot project is required to utilize peer specialists to link opioid-related overdose victims. SFBHN is required to contract with a network service provider for care coordination provided by peer specialists in the hospital, to enter into a formal agreement with a hospital which has an emergency department, and to monitor the outcome measures on the pilot. SFBHN received \$150,000 from DCF to implement this pilot project. SFBHN contracted with Jackson Health Systems (JHS) for the implementation of this project. Also, SFBHN, in collaboration with DCF, implemented a Centralized Receiving System (CRS) at Banyan Health Systems, which will constitute an additional entry point for MAT services. DCF also hired an additional Opioid Behavioral Health Consultant to assist Child Protective Investigators (CPIs) in the early identification of parents/ caregivers with opioid use disorders and the linkage to appropriate services, including but not limited to MAT.

Furthermore, SFBHN in collaboration with DCF, contracted with Banyan Health Systems to co-locate Behavioral Health Consultants in each CPI hub. There are three Behavioral Health Consultants (one per CPI hub) supervised by a licensed clinician. The Behavioral Health Consultants staff cases where behavioral health issues could be involved as early as pre-commencement. They make recommendations to CPIs in those cases involving behavioral health disorders, particularly Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs). Both DCF Opioid Behavioral Health Consultant and Banyan Behavioral Health Consultants in the resources available in the community to refer cases that might be appropriate for MAT.

In coordination with these consultants, the DCF Family Safety Office has created a CPI unit with expertise in Opioid Use Disorders. These specialized CPIs work in collaboration with the DCF Opioid Behavioral Health Consultant and the Banyan Consultants to follow-up on allegations that might involve Opioid Use Disorders. These human resources have been allocated to ensure children safety and that parents/ caregivers rare linked to treatment resources, primarily MAT. **Correctional Health System** has implemented a MAT protocol for pregnant patients using a maintenance dose of Subutex, while a patient is in custody. This patient is followed per protocol, and discharge planning includes a 7-day bridge of medication to allow for continuity of care as part of the re-entry program.

COMPLETE & ONGOING T5. Increase the availability of permanent, supportive housing to improve treatment and recovery.

Champions: *Homeless Trust, Government of Miami-Dade County*

Action: The **Homeless Trust** added custom assessment self-reported questions in its Homeless Management Information System to better understand the number of individuals entering the homeless system that have opioid use disorder. The Homeless Trust continues to pursue opportunities to increase the availability of Permanent Housing (including Permanent Supportive Housing) through local, state and federal funding, as well as partnerships with Public Housing Agencies and developers. The Homeless Trust continues to provide outreach services at 5 area schools.

LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUSTICE, AND FIRST RESPONDER

GOAL: STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE THE EXCESS SUPPLY OF OPIOIDS AND EXPLORE BEST PRACTICES FOR PREVENTION AND POLICING EFFORTS

The **Law Enforcement, Justice, and First Responders** recommendations explore approaches to opioid prevention and policing efforts. The outcomes explore strengthening public health partnerships, utilizing strategic enforcement mechanisms to reduce the excess supply of opioids, and exploring the role of the first responder in Naloxone administration.

COMPLETE & ONGOING L1. Improve law enforcement, first responder, and outreach providers' knowledge and awareness on drug court services, treatment resources, Marchman Act, and naloxone administration.

Champions: Miami-Dade Police Department, City of Miami Fire Rescue, South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Drug Enforcement Administration

Action: Miami Dade Police Department (MDPD) distributed a legal note to all MDPD employees delineating Miami-Dade County's transportation plan for individuals meeting the criteria for a Baker Act and Marchman Act. Within the legal record, details the conditions under which MDPD sworn personnel will take individuals, needing assistance into custody, and transport the individual to the appropriate receiving facility to obtain the necessary treatment. MDPD continues to support and attend the Miami-Dade Addictions Service Board Meeting. **SFBHN** engages the community in a wide array of behavioral health training and provides technical assistance whenever it is needed. SFBHN has partnered with Miami Beach PD (MBPD), Miami Dade PD (MDPD) and City of Miami PD (MPD) on projects to assist individuals through the Marchman Act and residential treatment services. This project aims to help with chronically homeless individuals that are abusing substances and are likely to die to the streets due to their chronic substance use. Through the assistance of law enforcement, the individuals are placed in residential treatment under the Marchman Act and linked to supportive housing once their treatment episode ends. The success of the program has been presented at various meetings nationwide and in Miami-Dade and Broward County. SFBHN and MBPD have been asked to present the program in Monroe County in January 2019.

City of Miami Fire Rescue incorporated practice recommendations for the treatment of patients presenting with an opioid overdose into the agency "paramedic update" curriculum. This curriculum has been approved for paramedic contact hours applying to state recertification. The course content included intranasal naloxone administration utilizing a mucosal atomizer device and information on the needle exchange program. There is a discussion to create training for emergency medical field supervisors on improving knowledge and awareness of local opioid resources. **Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue** has been receiving requests to train various municipal police departments on administering naloxone nasal spray. **City of Miami Police Department** sent a legal bulletin to all officers outlining resources for drug court services, treatment services, Marchman Act and naloxone administration. The Miami Police Department partnered with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office and Jackson Health Systems to identify grant funding for a pre-arrest diversion project. The

Miami Police Department was awarded two grants from the US Department of Justice to begin an opioid pre-arrest diversion program entitled the Collaborative Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery (CLEAR) Program. The total funding made available by the grants for the project is just over \$1.6 million. Officers also worked with homeless outreach services, the Homeless Trust and the IDEA Exchange to get several people living in a homeless encampment into treatment.

The **Drug Enforcement Administration** in partnership with the United States Attorney's Office from the Middle District of Florida developed and implemented an 8-hour course on prescription opioids/opiate investigations and overdose response training for law enforcement and first responders. This class is being offered and given throughout the State of Florida.

COMPLETE & ONGOING L2. Partner with South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and implement a real-time overdose surveillance system on Naloxone dispensing.

Champions: *South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area*

Action: Opiate Overdose mapping surveillance system is operational in Florida. Outreach presentations have been completed in all South Florida HIDTA counties and delivered to major Police and Fire Departments in Miami-Dade County.



COMPLETE L3. Strengthen Federal and Statewide laws, by incorporating a broader definition of the controlled substance analogues, to address fentanyl, its derivatives, and other powerful unknown synthetic opioids.

Champions: *Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office*

Action: Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle worked with the Florida Sheriff's Association to draft House Bill 477, signed into law by Governor Scott on June 14, 2017, which took effect on October 1, 2017. Florida Statute 782.04 (Murder Statute) was amended to provide that the unlawful killing of a human being which resulted from the unlawful distribution by a person 18 years of age or older of alfentanil, carfentanil, fentanyl, sufentanil, or any controlled substance analog of any of these substances, or any mixture containing any of these substances, when such substance or mixture is proven to be the proximate cause of the death, constitutes first degree murder. Additionally, House Bill 477 amended Florida Statute 893.135 to create the crime of "Trafficking in Fentanyl."

IN PROGRESS L4. Amend legislation for the needle exchange program to expand services and support collaboration.

Champions: *Commissioner Heyman's Office*

Action: Resolution passed 10/7/2017. The item was included in Miami-Dade County's legislative packet. Senate Bill 800 and House Bill 579 failed to pass in the 2018 legislative session. Senator Oscar Braynon filed Senate Bill 366 and Representative Shervin Jones filed House Bill 171 for consideration during the 2019 session. The Senate passed SB 366 the House passed SB 366 with two adopted amendments.

IN PROGRESS L5. Create a Miami-Dade County contract that allows community stakeholders to purchase Naloxone

Champions: *Government of Miami-Dade County Procurement Department*

Action: **Miami-Dade County** shared that the County partners with Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy and local agencies can initiate a contract as well. Handouts of the agreement were provided at the January 29, 2019 meeting.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Goal: Raise awareness and knowledge of the possible adverse effects of opioid use, including overdose and opioid use disorder

The **Education and Awareness** recommendations raise awareness and understanding of the potential adverse effects of opioid use, including overdose and opioid use disorder. The recommendations focus on prescriber and public education, inform the public about the Good Samaritan 911 Overdose Law, and educate service providers and the community about Naloxone availability and access.

IN PROGRESS E1. Develop a public and educational campaign raising awareness and knowledge about opioid abuse, addiction, and overdose.

Responsible Party: *Miami-Dade County Communications Department*

Action: **Communications Department** will support the campaign and expand as needed. There are many free channels for message distribution Miami-Dade County can take advantage of including digital displays, internal newsletters, and social media. Printed materials can be distributed to various County facilities.

COMPLETE & ONGOING E2. Promote the availability and distribution of Naloxone in Miami-Dade County.

Responsible Party: *Department of Children and Family, Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, Miami-Dade County Community Action, Miami-Dade Police Department, City of Miami Police*

Action: **Miami Dade Police Department** has started a pilot program, training 24 officers with naloxone. Since its inception, there have been two successful deployments. **Department of Children and Families** will be providing technical assistance to the providers, who have not been as proactively distributing. **South Florida Behavioral Health Network** partnered with the Idea Exchange and DCF to offer Naloxone Kits to anyone visiting the IDEA Exchange Program. SFHBN has also collaborated with network providers and DCF to provide Naloxone kits to consumers that are enrolled in treatment, discharged from treatment, placed on the waitlist for residential treatment, participating in outpatient services, and to friends and family members when appropriate. **City of Miami Fire Rescue** participated with National Public Radio on discussing naloxone's effect on care. The department was awarded the HEROES grant to purchase 4,040 doses of naloxone. **City of Miami Police Department** will partner with Jackson Health System to promote safe detoxification and treatment services.

COMPLETE & ONGOING E3. Collaborate with the affected community to address the opioid epidemic impacting the well-being of those residents through town hall meetings and community policing.

Champion: *Government of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, Miami-Dade Police Department, City of Miami Police, Federally Qualified Health Center, and Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue*

Action: **MDPD** continues to collaborate with community stakeholders raising awareness and conducting prevention initiatives regarding opioid abuse/addiction. MDPD established a Countywide, permanent prescription medication "take back" program utilizing affixed drop boxes. The metallic bins are in MDPD district stations to provide Miami-Dade County residents a means to safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted prescription medication. MDPD hosted a press conference for the launch of the program that was attended by the media. These bins are providing the residents of MDC with a means to safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted prescription medication. For 2018, the program has disposed of approximately **157 pounds** of unwanted medicine. In 2019, MDPD plans to expand the program by adding three additional collection bins at District Station lobbies, increasing the total number of collection sites to seven. The **Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office** hosted a town hall with critical partners to educate residents in affected areas of Miami-Dade County and presented opioid data to Florida Medical Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, and at the University of Miami. The Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office has also made various appearances on the radio to discuss the opioid epidemic in Miami-Dade County and the efforts that have been underway to address it. **City of Miami Fire Rescue** has participated in awareness and community involvement segment with local news. **Miami-Dade Fire Rescue** met with MDPD to review new applications for community outreach training and internal data resources. The **City of Miami Police Department** continues to collaborate with community stakeholders, raising awareness and prevention efforts regarding opioid abuse and addiction.

Jessie Trice Community Health Center (JTCHS) established clinical services co-located within Lotus House of Overtown. Additionally, JTCHS has attended and hosted various public forums and trainings. The University of Miami Area Health Education Center (UMAHEC) is collaborating with Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc. UM AHEC to provide opioid training and technical support to JTCHS's health care providers and clinical staff that will enhance the organization's delivery of the Opioid Screenings, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) process as well as trauma-informed care for patients. The SBIRT Model was developed to engage people who are not seeking help for substance-related problems, but who have behaviors or symptoms that might indicate problem use. UMAHEC will also provide opioid training to all the JCTHS school health social workers and clinical staff for opioid screening and youth prevention. JTCHS has 40 school-based health sites. JTCHS has recently contracted with Certintell to deliver telehealth services. Certintell is a HIPAA and PHI-compliant, cloud-based telehealth platform that allows safety-net providers to reach underserved populations. The technology integrates with FQHC electronic medical records while making a spectrum of comprehensive services more accessible and affordable for those who need it most. Behavioral health services include screenings and counseling for addiction medicine are in the realm of services through this platform.

COMPLETE & ONGOING E4. Partner with the faith-based community to support substance abuse prevention and addiction treatment.

Champion: *South Florida Behavioral Health Network and Department of Children and Families*

Action: The faith-based community, mainly houses of worship, are an essential component of improving support for individuals in substance abuse prevention and addiction treatment. **SFBHN** in collaboration with **DCF** has contracted and entered in partnerships with several faith-based organizations in our community. These providers accept individuals from all religions and do not impose their beliefs on individuals that are not part of their faith. They engage the community from a strength-based approach and provide treatment services as clinically appropriate. Two prevention providers – Hope For Miami and Gang Alternative – work with the faith community to disseminate information related to substance abuse prevention and addiction treatment.



COMPLETE E5. Provide a culturally competent and sensitivity substance abuse segment in the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training offered to all Miami-Dade County law enforcement.

Champions: Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Action: **CIT Training** continues to provide sworn personnel with substance abuse/addiction education. **SFBHN** participates in the Miami-Dade County Crisis Intervention Team training sessions to educate on Marchman Act for various law enforcement agencies. SFBHN provides information on the System of Care, the SFBHN website, the Marchman Act, Consumer Hotline and the Consumer and Family Resource Manual. SFBHN's staff contact information for Children System of Care (CSOC) and Adult System of Care (ASOC) to participants. Also, SFBHN continues to work with Law Enforcement agencies throughout Miami-Dade County when faced with consumers that are experiencing mental health/substance abuse concerns to divert consumers into services instead of arrest. **Department of Children and Families** provides resources and training material on MAT and ROSC to law enforcement officers through CIT.



COMPLETE E6. Partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to create a collaborative network to rapidly provide education and technical assistance to Miami-Dade County laboratories for the identification of novel and emerging illicit drugs.

Champions: Drug Enforcement Administration, Miami-Dade County Medical Examiners

Action: To address the analytical challenges associated with the identification and reporting of a novel, emerging illicit opioids, the **Drug Enforcement Administration** has created a secure network to provide technical assistance to forensic scientists and to facilitate the rapid dissemination of information regarding the analysis of synthetic opioids. **Miami-Dade County Medical Examiners** has joined the network. Several new designer fentanyl analogues were shared amongst the group, all incorporated into the laboratory's testing protocols for the designer opioids. Two of the newly identified substances (methoxyacetyl fentanyl and cyclopropyl/crotonyl fentanyl) were in Miami-Dade County's Medical Examiner casework. Since its creation in 2017, the Synth-Opioids@usdoj.gov real time communication network has grown to currently connect more than 190 multi-discipline forensic experts across jurisdictions, representing 30 states and 8 countries.

COMPLETE & ONGOING E7. Coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) to provide comprehensive opioid and prescription drug education, recommending modifications as age appropriate. (*Youth focus*)

Champion: Miami-Dade County Public Schools, South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Drug Enforcement Administration

Action: SFBHN Prevention providers are working with MDCPS through a variety of strategies related to drug education and prevention. The plans do not focus solely on opioid and prescription drugs as the curricula, and best practices used, based on the research, focus on comprehensive child and youth strategies. The Botvin LifeSkills Training has developed a module within its curriculum that addresses opioids. SFBHN will partner with three providers (The Village South, Hope For Miami, and Gang Alternative) to implement the module in high schools. The researchers behind Botvin LifeSkills Training, have risen to the challenge of helping youth avoid the dangers of prescription drug or opioid misuse/abuse and released a Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Module. The new LST Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Module gives teens the skills and knowledge necessary to help them avoid the misuse/abuse of opioids and prescription drugs. It will be available in a variety of formats that will allow for both online and classroom delivery. The new module is ideal for school districts, community-based organizations, and agencies serving students ages 11 – 14. The module is flexible enough to enhance the award-winning Botvin LifeSkills Training program or to be integrated into existing prevention programming. The State of Florida Opioid Response funding provided funds for two Miami-Dade County providers to expand their services in opioid prevention in the schools and through community education strategies. The **Drug Enforcement Administration** has been incorporating opioid awareness information, when speaking at high schools for career day and other school related functions.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS): Drug and alcohol education is part of our health education curriculum and is integrated into physical education grades 5-12. All middle schools have a textbook when implementing the curriculum. The Office of Student Services continues to coordinate the delivery of opioid and prescription drug education with various community partners. Student Services has several programs that address substance abuse through the TRUST office and continues to offer staff opportunities to engage in training sessions about substance abuse with adolescents, including: "Adolescent Drug Trends" and "Mental Wellness and Today's Adolescents." M-DCPS partners with CVS Pharmacy to provide Pharmacist Teach Outreach, which will be extended to the Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) Meetings. M-DCPS has sought guidance from the local pediatric community to explore equipping schools with naloxone and is moving forward with school police to carry and administer.

Curriculum Resources on Substance Abuse Prevention for Miami-Dade County Public Schools grades 5 - 12:

- ❖ Health Information Project (HIP) – High School
- ❖ Red Ribbon Month – District-wide in October
- ❖ Student's Against Destructive Decision (SADD)- High School
- ❖ Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) – Middle and High School
- ❖ AAA Prom Promise Campaign- High School
- ❖ TRUST Curriculum- Middle and High School
- ❖ Informed Families Campaigns- District-wide
- ❖ Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) – 5th-grade curriculum

<http://pe.dadeschools.net/substanceabuseprevention.asp>

New Programs since 2017-18:

- Elementary School Drug Awareness Training (ESDAT) - The prescription opioid epidemic has affected many communities and has become a national health crisis. This training prepares elementary school students by providing them with the tools necessary to make healthy decisions. The Elementary School Drug Awareness Training is designed to instruct students on the dangers of opioids and other illicit drugs, how to identify dangerous drugs, what to do and whom to contact if they see or encounter drugs/paraphernalia in their homes or neighborhoods. Miami-Dade Schools Police Community Outreach is conducting training. A PowerPoint presentation for school-aged children has been created, and instructor officers identified. The training is scheduled to begin in November 2017.
- M-DCPS's The Parent Academy has established a new Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop for parents and started delivering them at school sites in October 2017. Workshops are offered as requested by school sites.
- School Board Member Dr. Martin Karp has hosted town halls to address opioid with parents, teachers, and the community



COMPLETE EY8. Partner with the South Florida Behavioral Health Network and Drug Enforcement Administration to provide ongoing substance abuse education sessions and capacity building targeting school and community site personnel working with youth. (*Youth focus*)

Champion: *South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Drug Enforcement Administration*

Action: **SFBHN Prevention Providers** are actively providing information and education to school personnel and other community key stakeholders on age appropriate drug education, incorporated along with other drug-free promotion activities. SFBHN has amended the providers' contract and Scopes of Work to reflect the community capacity building strategies and each provider has a specified number of individuals to provide the education and training. These include school personnel, community site personnel working with youth, faith community individuals, and individuals who work with organizations that serve youth. SFBHN is tracking the number of sessions as well as the number of individuals trained and provided informational materials. SFBHN is presenting at schools during Opioid Abuse Red Ribbon Week. The South Dade One Voice Community Coalition received *comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)* funding and will focus on opioid prevention and education. Through the Elijah Network Family and Community Alliance, Inc. d.b.a. South Dade One Voice Community Coalition CARA - The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act funding, they are focusing on the goals below:

- To help combat the increasing local issues with youth abusing and misusing prescription drugs;
- To increase the number of prescription medications collected, while decreasing ease of access to youth in middle and high school;
- To enhance skills promoting healthy alternatives for youth;
- To provide support by increasing youth involvement and discussion.

Diverse community experts will initiate activities in each of the targeted areas and priority substances. Some materials will be available in Spanish to address cultural competency, and internal cultural competency training is required. The activities include:

- Information Dissemination: Podcast/Public Service Announcements, General Prevention Information including SAMHSA, NADDI, and other alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drug awareness campaigns.
- Environmental Strategies: Rx Drug Drop Boxes, PhotoVoice, SAMSHA's "Talk. They Hear You"
- Community-Based Process: Coalition Capacity Building/Training, Community Coordination, Support and Collaboration with providers.

The SDOVCC strategies are consistent with the SFBHN Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Community Action Plan (CCAP) and in collaboration with SFBHN service providers, and other systems partners in Miami-Dade County. The coalition works with the 12 sectors to integrate strategies within the comprehensive system of care.

Drug Enforcement Administration has collaborated with M-DCPS Curriculum Support Division and listed as a resource for M-DCPS. DEA will be presenting to the TRUST (To Reach Ultimate Success Together) Program Counselors. This program is designed to provide prevention, intervention, referral, and follow-up services to students and their families with substance abuse problems. In addition, DEA collaborated with Florida International University to develop and implement a forensic expert panel discussion entitled "Addressing the Opioid Crisis in the US" to provide opioid education to college age students and university personnel.

CONCLUSION

The Opioid Addiction Task Force was a two-year operation to address the Opioid Crisis. The Task Force recognizes that the conclusion of this body does not end the crisis in Miami-Dade County. On April 30, 2019, when the Task Force sunsets, the work will transition to the Addiction Services Board. More information about meeting dates can be found at: <http://www.miamidade.gov/mayor/addiction-services-board.asp>