

## GOALS

1. **Increase naloxone availability in the community**
2. **Enhance community-based options for easy, safe, and environmentally friendly medication disposal.**
3. **Promote community understanding of pain, pain management and substance abuse disorders to achieve a reduction in opioid exposure in order to reduce risk of individuals developing abuse of other medications including heroin and cocaine**
4. **Assure there is adequate access to timely, affordable, and quality services for substance use disorders.**
5. **Maintain and enhance availability and quality of timely data about heroine, opioids, and cocaine use, its outcomes and risk factors**
6. **Enhance collaboration between community-based initiatives and government agencies**

### **GOAL #1: INCREASE NALOXONE AVAILABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY**

- Conduct an assessment of the availability of naloxone within the community (numbers, locations, organization, etc.)
- Support and expand naloxone training and distribution programs
- Support legislation that mandates the availability of naloxone or naloxone in specific community settings (schools, treatment centers, prisons/jails, dorms etc.)
- Facilitate an opportunity for those who utilize naloxone to identify barriers and recommendations for improved availability
- Establish a system that makes immediate linkages to recovery services following overdose reversal to reduce the potential for repeat overdose, and increase the likelihood of sustained recovery
- Advocate for statewide mandate for public and private insurance coverage for naloxone

### **GOAL #2: ENHANCE COMMUNITY-BASED OPTIONS FOR EASY, SAFE, & ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MEDICATION DISPOSAL**

- Expand the number of fixed-site medication drop boxes to include all of Milwaukee County
- Increase the frequency of single-day drug take back events
- Promote the use of drug mail back programs
- Develop a comprehensive health education campaign to promote the importance and availability of safe & environmentally friendly medication disposal

### **GOAL #3: PROMOTE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF PAIN, PAIN MANAGEMENT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS TO REDUCE OPIOID EXPOSURE AND REDUCE RISK OF INDIVIDUALS ABUSING OTHER MEDICATIONS OR HEROIN AND COCAINE**

- Immediately launch a community informed/engaged health promotion campaign focused on prevention and destigmatizing substance use disorder, and to promote seeking treatment
- Monitor and promote existing community programs that focus on stigma reduction and peer support
- Monitor and promote school-based initiatives to reduce illicit substance use and/or recreational drug use

- Conduct outreach to healthcare providers regarding evidence-based pain management and substance-use disorder treatment

**GOAL #4: ASSURE THERE IS ADEQUATE ACCESS TO TIMELY, AFFORDABLE, AND QUALITY SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

- Expand medically assisted treatment (MAT) capacity for those with an opioid use disorder
- Expand residential treatment capacity and funding
- Reduce wait-time for admission into treatment
- Enhance care management of those identified with a substance use disorder moving from ED admission to treatment
- Expand aftercare and relapse prevention initiatives, including sober housing
- Advocate for the expansion/adequate funding of treatment alternative diversion programs (“drug courts”) as a cost effective alternative to incarceration
- Advocate that prisoners be adequately treated for SUD while incarcerated, including providing MAT when appropriate
- Advocate for treatment alternatives to revocation for drug related offenses to probation violations
- Advocate that public insurance coverage be temporarily suspended (rather than canceled) for those who are incarcerated
- Evaluate the potential to implement other harm reduction interventions

**GOAL #5: MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF TIMELY DATA ABOUT HEROINE, OPIOIDS, AND COCAINE USE, ITS OUTCOMES AND RISK FACTORS**

- Assure children of Milwaukee routinely participate in the Youth Behavior Risk Factor Survey
- Support identification of funding to modernize toxicology testing equipment at MCMEO
- Support efforts to streamline and collate data from multiple sources (OEM, BHD, MCMEO, PDMP, etc.)
- Increase frequency of data reporting made available to stakeholders and general public
- Support community service providers in gathering and reporting data such as naloxone distribution, medicine collection or needle exchange
- Advocate that neonatal abstinence syndrome be a reportable condition in Wisconsin

**GOAL #6: ENHANCE COLLABORATION BETWEEN COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

- Support opportunities for continued shared learning of new initiatives and best practices
- Increase leverage funding opportunities through collaboration
- Provide opportunities for community input and engagement
- Work to adopt a collective impact framework to guide substance abuse work activities county-wide