

City-County Heroin Opioid Cocaine Task Force *Update*



Public Safety & Health Committee
March 8, 2018

Overview

- 1. Address the purpose and process of the task force.**
- 2. Provide task force plan progress update.**
- 3. Discuss recent collaborative efforts.**
- 4. Share overview of the task force next steps.**

Purpose

Investigate and make recommendations regarding ways to ensure long-term health and safety of City and County residents by reducing fatal and nonfatal overdose from misuse of;

- **opioids,**
- **heroin (*synthetic analogs*), and**
- **cocaine (*in both powder and crack form*)**

through data-driven public health prevention approaches.

****City of Milwaukee Resolution, Common Council File Number 161061, passed January 18, 2017.***

Process

- **Broad Representation**

- multiple sectors from city, county, and state agencies and those with lived experiences of substance abuse.

- **Regular meetings**

- develop a work plan to serve as the initial strategic plan for action.

- **Opportunity for public input**

1. Regular meetings (public comments)
2. Community meetings (2 in neighborhoods)

Focus Areas

1. Enhance and fund existing prevention programs
2. Reduce the number of opioid related deaths in Milwaukee County.
3. Ensure adequate access to timely, affordable, and quality services
4. Develop collaborative programs with the criminal justice system
5. Enhance collaboration between community-based initiatives and government agencies.
6. Improve epidemiology and surveillance related to substance misuse.
7. Advocate for policy and legislative reform at all levels.

Strategy Categories



City of Milwaukee Fire Department (Ald. Murphy & Ald. Bohl)

- MFD now has envelopes that can be used by residents to take to their homes to collect and dispose of medicine.

County Behavioral Health Division

- Applied for supplemental federal funding from the State Targeted Response (STR) program for individuals waiting for residential treatment specific to opioids.
- Opioid death investigator position.

Medical College of Wisconsin and County Behavioral Health Division

- Collaboration to expand treatment opportunities within the community.

City of Milwaukee Health Department and City of St. Francis Mayor

- Spring kickoff public prevention and awareness event funded by ICC.

Highlights

Current & Ongoing Efforts

Next Steps

1. Task Force Extended
 - Meet quarterly through Jan. 2019
2. Release Initial Plan
 - By April 2018
3. Community Outreach
 - Identify existing efforts & gaps
 - Develop Framework
4. Final Recommendations
5. *Implementation/Monitoring/Sustainability?*

