



OHIO INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Ohio Overdose Prevention Network

The Ohio Overdose Prevention Network (Ohio OPN) is a subgroup of the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP). The purpose of Ohio OPN is to identify and implement actions for the prevention of drug misuse, abuse and overdose and to serve as a means of communication and collaboration on this topic among interested organizations, agencies, and individuals throughout the state.

Ohio OPN News

Mission: *Coordinate multi-sector, statewide efforts to prevent drug overdose deaths utilizing data-informed strategies to implement policy, education, and harm reduction interventions*

Vision: *An Ohio free from drug misuse, abuse, overdose, and death*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE CALLS

DATA:

11/5 @ 10:00

12/3 @ 10:00

HARM REDUCTION:

11/20 @ 10:00

12/18 @ 10:00

PAIN MANAGEMENT:

11/6 @ 1:00

12/4 @ 1:00

POLICY:

11/20 @ 2:00

12/18 @ 2:00

2020 OIPP MEETINGS:

FEB 7 MAY 8

AUG 7 NOV 6

Congratulations!

The following agencies are recipients of the DR20 Drug Overdose Prevention Community Grants funded by the Ohio Department of Health, which began September 1, 2019. Grant activities include coalition development, strategic planning, the implementation of an overdose fatality review, the development of a community response plan, public awareness, and the development of comprehensive and sustainable systems addressing the needs of at-risk populations.

- Butler County Health Department
- Clark County Health Department
- Columbus Public Health Department
- Crawford County Health Department
- Erie County Health Department
- Hancock Public Health
- Kenton-Hardin County Health Department
- Licking County Health Department
- Lorain County Public Health
- Mahoning County District Board of Health
- Medina County Health District
- Public Health of Dayton-Montgomery
- Ross County Health Department
- Stark County Health Department
- Summit County Health Department
- Toledo-Lucas Health Department
- Trumbull County Health Department
- Union County Health Department
- Vinton County Health Department

COMMUNITY NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION CONFERENCE: "PROJECT DAWN & BEYOND"

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ohio OPN's first state-wide conference. Over 90% of those who registered attended. Dr. Sheila P. Vakharia, of Drug Policy Alliance, spoke on "Harm Reduction Strategies, Interventions and Policies." Breakout sessions covered Innovative Distribution, ODMAPs, Fentanyl Testing Programs, Naloxone 101: Rules and Regulations, Syringe Access Programs, Identifying Stigma, Minority Outreach, and ED & Acute Care Settings.

A special thank you to the presenters who gave their time to share their expertise:

Tia Marcel-Moretti, LSW, OCPC

Dr. Sheila P. Vakharia, PhD, LMSW

Kirsten Bean, MPH

Wendy Doolittle, MSSA, M.Ed., LISW, PCC-S, LICDC-CS

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Cornell Lewis, PhD

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**WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT AT THE 2020
CONFERENCE? SEND IDEAS TO
WAGLERT@STARKHEALTH.ORG.**



RECOVERYOHIO

Governor Mike DeWine commissioned the RecoveryOhio initiative to coordinate the work of state departments, boards, and commissions by leveraging Ohio's existing resources and seeking new opportunities. Through engaging local governments, coalitions, and task forces, RecoveryOhio's goals include: creating a system to help make treatment available to Ohioans in need; provide support services; offer direction for the prevention and education initiatives; and work with local law enforcement to provide resources to fight illicit drugs at the source.

The RecoveryOhio Advisory Council identified eight priority areas, with 75 recommendations. The Ohio Overdose Prevention Network's strategic plan is aligned with the identified priorities and recommendations. Let us know how you're utilizing the report and recommendations. To learn more, visit <https://recoveryohio.gov>.

PILOT PROJECTS

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2020 Pilot Projects have been released and are due on November 8th. These nine month grants will be funded between \$4,000- \$6,000 based on the strength of the application. Proposals must address policy, system, or environmental factors related to the Ohio OPN strategic plan focus areas. The Ohio OPN will select grant recipients based on the merits of their completed proposals and the potential impact of their projects.

WHAT'S NEW?

At the August quarterly meeting, members voted to replace the name: Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group (PDAAG) with Ohio Overdose Prevention Network (Ohio OPN). Members also adopted mission and vision statements.

The Ohio OPN is restructuring subcommittees to accommodate new Drug Overdose grantees. Subcommittee Chairs will have one or more co-chairs to facilitate work groups. The subcommittee's are where the work of the Ohio OPN takes place, and all members are encouraged to participate in their relevant area.

Our infrastructure subcommittee is using the results of our 2019 Member Survey to address areas identified as needing improvement.

Check out the results of the 2019 Member Survey on the Ohio OPN website:
<http://bit.ly/OhioOPN>.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Christie Gigliotti, Geauga Public Health
- Angela Marvin, Ohio PTA
- Kelli Parr, Logan County HD
- Beth M Schweitzer, Seneca County GHD
- Stacey Thomas, Champaign HD
- Haley Russo, Lake County GHD
- Jessica Warner, ODH
- Katharyn Saltsman, ODH
- Jodi Slayton, Ashtabula County HD
- Shelby Ballentine, Champaign HD
- Stephanie Lancaster, Emergent BioSolutions
- Nancy Osborn, Ottawa County HD
- Bethany Pontius, Western Reserve Hospital Center for Pain
- Hannah MacDowell, ODH
- Tony Maziarz, Toledo-Lucas County HD
- Mona Duffy-Arrington, Columbus PH
- Kimberly Toles, Toledo Lucas County HD
- Christy Rickbrodt, Medina County HD
- Susan Urban, Vinton County HD
- Abby Crisp, Delaware GHD
- Alyssa Trass, Clark County Combined GHD
- Dennis Cauchon, Harm Reduction Ohio
- Jodi Strite, Jackson County HD
- Staci D Mercer, Jackson County HD
- Ashley Wilson, Family Recovery Center
- Gracie Hemphill, Clark County Combined GHD
- Cara Rasor, Mahoning County HD
- Hannah Beltz, Marion County PH

Ohio OPN Membership

- 61 new members have joined the Ohio OPN since January 2019
- 204 members, as of October 2019
- 38 Ohio counties are represented
- 142 organizations and agencies make up the membership

WHICH SUBCOMMITTEE IS YOUR BEST FIT?

As Ohio OPN continues implementation of its strategic plan, we ask our members to join a subcommittee of interest that aligns with your work.

DATA

Goal: Improve dissemination and utilization of surveillance data.

Focus areas:

- Build capacity and support for the use of current data resources
- Provide support for overdose spike response and plan implementation
- Provide guidance for Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Teams

HARM REDUCTION

Goal: Promote harm reduction practices and policies.

Focus areas:

- Support blood-borne pathogen prevention programs
- Increase access to and/or distribution of naloxone
- Support sustainability of naloxone distribution
- Educate high risk individuals on harm reduction practices

PAIN MANAGEMENT

Goal: Support responsible prescribing practices.

Focus areas:

- Integrate OARRS in electronic medical records
- Promote prescribing guidelines
- Promote Take Charge Ohio
- Educate providers to reduce stigma associated with Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Increase and promote comprehensive sustainable systems

POLICY

Goal: Promote the adoption and enforcement of model, evidence-informed policies related to overdose prevention.

Focus areas:

- Identify existing policies
- Promote training/education/awareness on existing policies
- Strengthen existing policies and develop new policies

OHIO OPN LEADERSHIP TEAM

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