

# SYRINGE ACCESS AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN BATON ROUGE

MOVING FORWARD FOLLOWING METRO COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

# LAW CHANGE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

- ▶ WHAT THE NEW LANGUAGE DOES
  - ▶ REVISION TO TITLE 13 SECTION 1017 (SYRINGE SECTION ONLY)
  - ▶ EXEMPTS ORGS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES/VOLUNTEERS
- ▶ WHAT IT DOESN'T DO
  - ▶ NO LANGAUGE EXPLICITLY PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS
  - ▶ ASSURANCES FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

# OBTAINING REGULATORY APPROVAL

- ▶ HHS GENERAL GUIDANCE
  - ▶ FEDERAL FUNDS MAY PAY FOR ALL COSTS EXCEPT FOR SYRINGES AND OTHER INJECTION EQUIPMENT
  - ▶ DETERMINATION OF NEED FROM CDC
- ▶ HRSA
  - ▶ DETERMINATION OF NEED
  - ▶ LETTER FROM “STATE OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT” INDICATING COMPLIANCE WITH LAW
  - ▶ ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION
  - ▶ COORDINATION WITH PROJECT OFFICER
- ▶ PRIVATELY FUNDED ORGS REQUIRE NO FEDERAL APPROVAL

# IMPLEMENTING AND OPERATING SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAMS

- ▶ FOCUS
  - ▶ CENTER ACTIVE USERS
  - ▶ NON-COERCIVE
- ▶ BASIC SERVICES
  - ▶ INJECTION SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION AND DISPOSAL
  - ▶ OVERDOSE PREVENTION TRAINING AND NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION
  - ▶ REFERRALS TO SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT
  - ▶ HIV, HCV, STI TESTING AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT
  - ▶ PRIMARY AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE REFERRALS
- ▶ RESOURCES
  - ▶ HARM REDUCTION COALITION <http://bit.ly/hrcsapguide>
  - ▶ HHS GUIDELINES <http://bit.ly/hhssapguide>

# OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND NARCAN DISTRIBUTION

## ▶ RELEVANT LAW

- ▶ 2016 LAW AUTHORIZED OTC DISPENSING
- ▶ STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER SIGNED BY SECRETARY GEE - EXPIRES 31 DECEMBER  
<http://bit.ly/lastandingorder>
- ▶ ORGANIZATION-WIDE STANDING ORDERS

## ▶ BARRIERS TO ACCESS

- ▶ PHARMACISTS UNAWARE OF LAW/STANDING ORDER
- ▶ EXPENSE - \$130 PER KIT OTC

## ▶ EXPANDING ACCESS

- ▶ PRIMARY CARE/COMMUNITY CLINICS
- ▶ SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAMS
- ▶ COLLABORATION WITH LA PHARMACY BOARD
- ▶ PHARMACIST EDUCATION - PHARMACIST PREPARED PRESCRIPTIONS
- ▶ EMS "LEAVE BEHIND" PROGRAMS

# TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION IN THE CLINIC

- ▶ OBTAINING NARCAN
  - ▶ DIRECT RELIEF PROGRAM
  - ▶ GRANTWRITING
  - ▶ MANUFACTURER DONATIONS
  - ▶ LA AG'S OFFICE
- ▶ STANDING ORDERS
- ▶ PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES
- ▶ TRAINING THE TRAINER
- ▶ DISTRIBUTION
- ▶ RESOURCES
  - ▶ HARM REDUCTION COALITION <http://bit.ly/hrcodprev>
  - ▶ SAMPLE POLICY AND PROCEDURES, STANDING ORDERS, AND TRAININGS <http://bit.ly/hrcprogrammaterials>

# QUESTIONS

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