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 LANGUAGE 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**
OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND NARCAN DISTRIBUTION

RELEVANT LAW
- 2016 LAW AUTHORIZED OTC DISPENSING
- STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER SIGNED BY SECRETARY GEE - EXPIRES 31 DECEMBER
- 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
QUESTIONS

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