



# TASKFORCE FRAMEWORK

## **1. Reduce Access to Drugs**

- a. Expand RxBox and other drug take back programs.
  - i. Provide community education on importance of disposing medications properly.
  - ii. Provide education for patients on importance of disposing properly of medications and engaging hospice providers for the same.
  - iii. Improve access to portable drug disposal materials, with a focus on homebound and other special populations/residents.
- b. Provide education or technical assistance to healthcare organizations on how to set-up take back programs.
- c. Reduce supply of illicit drugs through law enforcement.
- d. Support legal action regarding improper opioid prescribing recommendations.

## **2. Reduce Opioid Use and Misuse**

- a. Educate consumers about identifying opioid medications and advocating for alternatives.
- b. Increase use of non-opioid treatment options.
- c. Increase use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) by prescribers in DuPage County.
- d. Promote consistent safe prescribing messages and policies used by healthcare providers and health systems.
- e. Promote and provide safe prescriber training.
- f. Reduce the number of opiates prescribed.

## **3. Increase Overdose Response**

- a. Communication campaign to increase awareness of 911 Good Samaritan Law and provision of treatment and harm reduction resources.
- b. Expand overdose follow-up provided by hospitals, fire departments, police departments, and social workers.
- c. Make naloxone more accessible to bystanders and those most at-risk for overdose by increasing access in the community.
- d. Sustain Narcan programs for first responders.

## **4. Integrated Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery**

- a. Coordinate with criminal justice system partners to increase screening and referral to treatment (probation and specialty courts).
- b. Increase availability of Medication-Assisted Recovery.
- c. Increase primary care and other healthcare provider referral to treatment.
- d. Increase treatment community capacity.
- e. Promote integration of mental health and substance use disorder treatment.
- f. Promote job training and workforce development programs supporting those in recovery.
- g. Encourage housing supportive of substance use recovery efforts.

## **5. Substance Use Prevention and Education**

- a. Enhance and promote prevention efforts (i.e. evidence-based curriculum for youth and messaging for general population).
- b. Promote substance use disorder stigma reduction campaigns.
- c. Support prevention education and other initiatives regarding non-opioid (marijuana, stimulants, etc.) substances among youth and young adults.