



# FRAMEWORK

## 1. Reduce Access to Drugs

- a. Expand RxBox and other drug take back programs
  - i. Provide education for patients on importance of disposing properly of medications and engaging hospice providers for the same
  - ii. Provide community education on importance of disposing medications properly
- 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. Reduce the number of opiates prescribed
- b. Increase use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) by prescribers in DuPage County
- c. Educate consumers about identifying opioid medications and advocating for alternatives
- d. Increase use of non-opioid treatment options
- e. Promote consistent safe prescribing messages and policies used by healthcare providers and health systems
- f. Promote and provide safe prescriber training

## 3. Increase Overdose Response

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

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

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

## 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

## Cross-cutting Goals of the Taskforce

- Communication (i.e. media, social media, health promotion)
- Data collection (i.e. Illinois Youth Survey, DuPage Narcan Program, EMS, Morbidity and Mortality)
- Evaluation of efforts