



**PA Opioid
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Reduction**

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Carbon County
Opiate Task Force
Three Year Strategic Plan

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Introduction

The Carbon County Opiate Task Force Three Year Strategic Plan is included in the pages below. The Carbon County Opiate Task Force Strategic Plan was developed using the ideas and suggestions that were generated from the strategic planning workshop held in May 2017.

The priorities, strategies, and objectives aim to provide an overview of the overarching goal (priority), the strategy for achieving that goal, and the identified objectives. Priorities and strategies should not change based on political climate or other outside factors, but the objectives are more adaptable.

Priorities, strategies, and objectives in black were developed directly from the goals drafted by the task force. Data provided by state entities was analyzed in conjunction with the strategic planning workshop, then used to suggest programs or strategies for the Carbon County Opiate Task.

As noted above, these activities are adaptable, given funding opportunities and other factors.

Vision

Reduce Carbon County to zero overdoses.

Data

The Carbon County Opiate Task Force identified data as an area of interest that will be incorporated throughout the strategic plan and will drive future efforts implemented by the task force.

Funding

The Carbon County Opiate Task Force identified funding as an area of interest that will be integrated throughout the strategic plan.

Priorities Summary

Priority 1: Increase access to and utilization of Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Use Disorder (SUD/OD) treatment programs.

Priority 2: Increase community awareness to reduce stigma.

Priority 3: Coordinate efforts between law enforcement, the legal system, and treatment.

Priority 4: Educate individuals and families about addiction and overdose, particularly persons at high risk for an overdose and persons in contact with high risk individuals.

STRATEGIC PLAN: PRIORITY 1

Priority 1: Increase access to and utilization of Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Use Disorder (SUD/ODD) treatment programs.

Strategy

Increase education about treatment resources in Carbon County, actively engage individuals in warm hand-off procedures, and increase funding for treatment capacity.

Objective 1A:

By December 2019, 80% of individuals engaged in treatment will be educated about MAT options, including the use of Vivitrol.

Objective 1B:

By January 2020 a naloxone follow-up procedure will be established and utilized by local law enforcement and first responders that will connect 80% of overdose survivors to treatment.

Objective 1C:

By January 2020, 80% of individuals engaged in treatment will receive support and guidance for non-treatment needs, including housing support and job training, to aid in long term recovery.

Objective 1D:

By January 2020, have SUD/ODD treatment available at all levels of care, including MAT, based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

STRATEGIC PLAN: PRIORITY 2

Priority 2: Increase community awareness to reduce stigma.

Strategy:

Launch a public awareness campaign to increase awareness for all individuals in Carbon County and reduce stigma.

Objective 2A:

By December 2017, conduct a stigma survey and develop baseline of overdose related stigma in Carbon County.

Objective 2B:

By March 2018, implement a community awareness campaign (in print, digital, and social media format) aimed at reducing stigma surrounding overdose.

Objective 2C:

By January 2019, education about addiction and overdose will be communicated to all school officials, including coaches and parent teacher associations.

Objective 2D:

By January 2020, reduce stigma in Carbon County to zero by increasing community awareness about addiction, overdose, treatment, and recovery resources.

STRATEGIC PLAN: PRIORITY 3

Priority 3: Coordinate efforts between law enforcement, the legal system, and treatment.

Strategy:

Increase data sharing between law enforcement, the legal system, and treatment to better coordinate efforts related to interdiction processes and increase linkage to treatment services for individuals in the criminal justice system by establishing open lines of communication between law enforcement and treatment, expanding opioid removal programs, treatment, re-entry, and recovery services, and providing appropriate follow-up.

Objective 3A:

By January 2018, law enforcement and treatment professionals will establish and execute a communication plan to coordinate efforts in data sharing and interdiction.

Objective 3B:

By December 2019, the utilization of opioid removal programs will increase by 80%.

Objective 3C:

By January 2020 all individuals coming from jail will be connected to treatment, re-entry, and recovery services via a warm hand off.

Objective 3D:

By January 2020 treatment options in the jail will be offered to all individuals with a history of substance use disorder.

STRATEGIC PLAN: PRIORITY 4

Priority 4: Educate individuals and families about addiction and overdose, particularly persons at high risk for an overdose and persons in contact with high risk individuals.

Strategy:

Increase addiction and overdose education for professionals who are in contact with individuals at high risk for overdose and individuals with a SUD/ODU and their families.

Objective 4A:

By December 2018, 80% of fire departments, EMS agencies, and police departments will be educated about addiction, overdose, and available treatment service options in Carbon County.

Objective 4B:

By February 2019 all hospital emergency departments will have information about treatment resources and overdose reduction available to all patients and families.

Objective 4C:

By February 2019, 95% of individuals engaged in treatment will be properly educated on treatment and recovery resources and overdose reduction.

Objective 4D:

By March 2020 all county agencies that have contact with individuals at risk for SUD/ODU or overdose will be educated on addiction, overdose, and available treatment services in Carbon County.

Objective 4E:

By March 2020 80% of prescribers will be educated about addiction, overdose, treatment resources, and proper use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Objective 4F:

By March 2020, all pharmacies will be educated about treatment resources, overdose reduction, and proper use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Objective 4G:

By May 2020, 95% of families who have a member with a SUD/ODU will be provided with education about addiction, overdose, and treatment resources.