Building Coalitions to Address Opioid Crisis

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Welcome to Hennepin County!

- **Largest county** in Minnesota with 1.2 million residents
- **8th largest county** in the country.
- Estimated homeless population: **5528**
- **Health Care for the Homeless** is housed in our Public Health Department. Patients served: **4383**
Opioid-involved deaths: Hennepin County Residents

Source: MDH Center for Health Statistics; geocoding, analysis and forecast by Hennepin County Public Health
Overview: Building Coalitions

• Each Community is Unique
• Complete an Environmental Scan
• Research Best Practices
• Create a Framework /Plan
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• Leverage Collective Impact
• Implement Plan
• Monitor Progress
• Focus on Outcomes
• Make Adjustments, as needed
More people need help!

At first it was a lifeline.
Now it is a noose around my neck.
Raise Awareness

• Public Awareness
• Advocacy
• Steve’s Law
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• MN Legislature passed “Steve’s Law” (2014)
• Naloxone can be prescribed to a third party
• Allows first responders & laypeople to administer naloxone
• Limited immunity from prosecution
Educate Prescribers

• Minnesota Medical Association & University of Minnesota Medical School
• New State Guidelines
• CME’s – Free for Prescribers
Prevent Overdoses

• Public Education
• Distribute Naloxone Kits
• Text HOPE123 To 56512
Hennepin County’s Health & Safety Approach to Opioid Prevention
Save a life, keep them alive, make a life
Primary prevention
Prevent further spread of the opioid crisis

Response
Avert overdose deaths

Treatment and recovery
Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery services
Primary prevention

- Monitoring and communication
- Education and stigma reduction
- Monitor access
- Safe storage and disposal
- Public safety interventions
Response

• Rescue
• Harm reduction
Treatment and recovery

- Access to treatment and recovery services
- Justice-involved population supports
Working Together

Current Activities:
• Hennepin County Facilities Plan
• Staff Training
• Consultation
Other possible areas of collaboration:

• Public Awareness
• Prescriber Training
• Standing Order
• Sourcing Naloxone
• Legislation
Questions?

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