

OPIOID RESPONSE UPDATE

THURSTON COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Thurston County Board of Health
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Goals and Strategies

Goals

- 6 areas of focus
 - Health Care
 - Treatment and Support Services
 - Overdose Prevention
 - Data
 - Innovation and Disparities
 - Children, Youth and Families

Strategies

- 25 total strategies
- 33 SMART Objectives
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Attainable
 - Realistic
 - Time-bound
- 2019-2020 timeframe

Completed SMART Objectives

Completed = 14, November 2020

- Prescribing practices = 1
- Access to treatment = 5
- Naloxone = 3
- Data = 1
- Prevention = 3
- Pregnant & parenting = 1



COVID-19 Challenges



- Barriers to in-person trainings and community events
- Changes to how local services are operated, with some on hiatus, limited hours or shift to virtual
- Staff re-assigned and some moved on to other organizations

Ability to implement
new strategies and
explore creative
opportunities

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The high art of coping with COVID-19 has driven innovation

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Task Force Progress



Community and workplace interest in overdose education and naloxone



Connection between Pregnant & Parenting workgroup:

- Treatment providers
- Community service providers



Sharing group learning and approaches with others (local, region)



Overall functioning and engagement

- Recommend a 2021-2022 plan update

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