

# OPIOID RESPONSE UPDATE

THURSTON COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

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Thurston County Board of Health

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## Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force and Plan



- Resolution H-1-2018, June 2018
- Task Force Convened, July 2018
- Response Plan Adopted, June 2019
- Task Force continues to meet

# 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

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6 Completed — As of February 2020

- **Goal 1 - Strategy B**
  - Provided 1 training to dental care providers on opioid prescribing and use of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
- **Goal 2 - Strategy A**
  - Conducted a survey of local prescribers regarding attitudes and barriers to becoming waived and prescribing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- **Goal 2 - Strategy C**
  - Hosted 3 buprenorphine (DATA 2000) waiver trainings

# Completed SMART Objectives

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- **Goal 2 - Strategy C**
  - Amended all treatment court policies and procedures to allow the use of all medications approved by the FDA for treatment of opioid use disorder
- **Goal 4 - Strategy B**
  - Completed 1 report describing naloxone use in Thurston County
- **Goal 5 - Strategy A**
  - Obtained State approval of 1 strategic plan for a higher risk community in Thurston County

## Task Force Progress



- Increase in naloxone distribution
- Bi-monthly Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) prescriber meetings
- Prioritization of communication strategies and combatting stigma
- Positive media attention
- Community support

## Community Progress



- Obtainment of new and increased funding for strategies
- Development of the Thurston-Mason Recovery Coalition
- Opioid Use Reduction & Recovery Employer Forum
- Recovery Help Line's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) online location finder
- Adding to the evidence-base around treatment approaches (research)

# Upcoming Projects

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- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) proposals
  - Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office / Public Health & Social Services
  - Olympia Police Department
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) induction for individuals incarcerated in Thurston County Jail
- Community education and engagement events
  - Overdose Awareness Day (August 31)
  - Addressing stigma around opioid use
  - Workplace and school overdose education and naloxone rescue kit distribution
  - Safe medication storage



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