

Iowa Department of Public Health
Division of Behavioral Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse
Opioid Update for Wednesday, May 1, 2019

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) offers the Opioid Update to share information about opioid use and Iowa's efforts to address the national opioid epidemic. Please feel free to submit topics to Julie Jones at julie.jones@idph.iowa.gov.

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Department News

IDPH Sponsors Opioid Trainings

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is sponsoring three upcoming opioid trainings:

- **POMW Training: May 7 and May 16**

The next Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women (POMW) "Identifying Opioid Misuse" regional trainings are scheduled for May 7, 2019, in Burlington, and May 16, 2019, in Cedar Rapids. The purpose of this program is to expand the prevention strategies that support the decrease of opioid misuse in women. Specific objectives of the training include:

- List the individual and community impacts of opioid misuse
- Identify an evidence-based strategy to screen and address substance misuse
- Identify appropriate opioid overdose recognition and response strategies

For more information about the training, please click on the following link: [POMW](#)

- **Implementing the CDC Guidelines for Opioid Prescribing**

In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the CDC Guideline on Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. This training will assist participants in understanding and applying the guideline. Specific objectives of the training include:

- Determine when initiation or continuation of opioids is indicated in the treatment of chronic pain
- Evaluate and mitigate risk related to opioid use through dose limitations, clinical reassessment, and monitoring tools like the prescription drug monitoring program and urine drug testing
- Identify quality measures applicable to clinical practices to assess implementation of the CDC guidelines

Participants can choose to attend the in-person event at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, or they participate via live webinar. For more information about the training, please click on the following link: [CDC](#)

Opioid News

FDA Approves First Generic Naloxone Nasal Spray

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted final approval of the first generic naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray (commonly known as Narcan), a life-saving medication that can stop or reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. has received final FDA approval to market generic naloxone nasal spray. At this time, there is no information available regarding when the new version of the medication will be available or the cost.

To learn more about the recent approval, please click on the following link: [FDA](#)

HRSA Funding Opportunities

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the following funding opportunities:

- The Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP) for Professionals is intended to build upon existing HRSA investments to enhance community-based experiential training focused on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorders (SUD) for students preparing to become behavioral health professionals. The OWEP for Paraprofessionals NOFO funds this same training for peer support specialists and other types of behavioral health-related paraprofessionals. **Due: May 7, 2019.**

To learn more about this funding opportunity, please click on the following link: [OWEP](#)

- The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation (RCORP-Implementation) is intended to enhance service delivery for substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder. Over the course of a three-year period of performance, grant recipients will implement a set of core prevention, treatment and recovery activities that align with the Department of Health and Human Services' Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis. **Due: May 6, 2019.**

To learn more about this funding opportunity, please click on the following link: [RCORP](#)