

Iowa Department of Public Health
Division of Behavioral Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse
Opioid Update: March 2020

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 Naloxone Initiatives for Law Enforcement and Emergency Departments

IDPH is using funding from the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant and the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to renew support for two previously launched Naloxone initiatives by the department.

- In partnership with the Iowa Police Chiefs Association (IPCA) and the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA), IDPH is making naloxone (Narcan nasal) kits available to interested law enforcement agencies that want to equip officers.
- In partnership with the Iowa Hospital Association (IHA) and the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC), IDPH is making naloxone (Narcan nasal) kits available to interested hospital emergency departments that want to provide a kit to individuals being released following a non-fatal opioid overdose.

For more information on participating in one of these initiatives, please contact RaChel Greenwood at rachel.greenwood@idph.iowa.gov or 515-281-5444 by April 6, 2020.

Iowa News

New Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Opens in Council Bluffs

The Council Bluffs Comprehensive Treatment Center (CTC) is the second of two opioid treatment programs in the state of Iowa that are owned by CRC Recovery, Inc. The first location is in Cedar Rapids and opened in 2013.

Council Bluffs CTC provides outpatient medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to adults age 18 and older, who are struggling with an opioid use disorder. According to Deb Breitrack, Regional Director, "It is an honor to be a resource for the members of our community whose lives have been disrupted by opioids. We understand how daunting these challenges can be, but we continue to prove that we can make a significant positive difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community when we work together."

The clinic is located at 1750 W. Broadway in Council Bluffs. For more information on service availability, please call 712-215-6588.

Opioid News

DEA Proposes New Rule for Mobile OTP Services

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) proposes to revise the existing regulations for narcotic treatment programs (otherwise known as opioid treatment programs) to allow a mobile component associated with the registered program to be considered a coincident activity. Previously, the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) required that all persons who are required to register under the Act must obtain a separate registration at each location of professional practice. The DEA proposal would waive the requirement of a separate registration for NTPs (OTPs) that utilize mobile components.

For more information on the proposal, please click on the following link: [DEA](#)

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers (CORC) Program. The purpose of the program is the operation of comprehensive centers which provide a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services to address the opioid epidemic.

Applications are due March 17, 2020. For more information, please click on the following link: [SAMHSA](#)

HRSA Funding Opportunity: Opioid Impacted Family Support Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program (OIFSP). The purpose of this program is to support training programs to expand the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals who are trained to work in integrated, inter-professional teams providing services to children whose parents are impacted by opioid use disorders and other substance use disorders, and their family members who are in guardianship roles.

Applications are due April 13, 2020. For more information, please click on the following link: [HRSA](#)

Upcoming Trainings

Buprenorphine Waiver Trainings: March 30 (West Des Moines)

The purpose of this course is to train healthcare providers in medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorders and provide the required coursework to obtain a DATA 2000 Waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (Suboxone). The course is designed for physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners.

The Buprenorphine Waiver Training is split into two sections: a 4.25-hour live session followed by a 4-hour online self-study portion. Physician assistants and nurse practitioners are required to complete a total of 24 hours of training. Information on how to obtain the additional 16 hours of training for physician assistants and nurse practitioners will be available upon completion of the initial 8-hour training.

AAAP is the sponsor of this training, which is being offered as part of the CO-MAT-IA program at the University of Iowa. For more information, or dates and locations for future trainings, please contact Sayeh Sabbagh at sayeh-sabbagh@uiowa.edu.

NatCon20: April 5-7 (Austin)

The National Council for Behavioral Health is the largest behavioral health conference in health care. NatCon20 brings together more than 6,200 industry leaders who are strengthening communities, improving lives and building a better future. This is more than just a conference – it's a destination for forward-thinking pioneers and a platform for possibilities.

To learn more about NatCon20 or to register, please click on the following link: [NatCon20](#)

National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit: April 13-16 (Nashville)

The Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit is the largest national collaboration of professionals from local, state and federal agencies, business, academia, treatment providers and allied communities impacted by prescription drug abuse and heroin use. It is *the* event for decision makers and allied professionals working to address this public health emergency.

To learn more about the Rx Summit or to register, please click on the following link: [Rx Summit](#)

43rd Annual Iowa Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse: April 21-22

Registration is now open for the 43rd Annual Iowa Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse. The main event will be held April 21-22, 2020, at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. A preconference day of additional training will be offered on April 20. Finalized agendas will be available in February.

To register for the Governor's Conference, please click on the following link: [GCSA](#)