



# **Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Meeting**

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# Overview

1. Governor's Executive Order – Opioid Epidemic
  - State Targeted Treatment (STR) grant
  - Other Related Initiatives
2. Role of Community and Faith-Based Communities
3. How to Obtain Information and Assistance



# Executive Order 17-146 (Opioid Epidemic)

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention declared a national opioid epidemic – poses a severe threat to the State of Florida and requires action
- In 2015 – opioids responsible for nearly 33,000 deaths nationwide and 3,900 in Florida
- On April 2, Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded a grant to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services



# Executive Order 17-146 (Opioid Epidemic)

- DCF directed to immediately draw down these grant funds
- DCF, Dept. of Health, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to hold community workshops to identify additional strategies to fight the rising opioid epidemic
- Impact of Executive Order 17-146 ( As directed by Gov. Scott)
  - Declared a state of emergency
  - Provides waivers for rules, statutes, ordinances, or order to the extent necessary to address crisis – procurement of services, travel, budget authority to spend grant funds



# Executive Order 17-146 (Opioid Epidemic)

- Impact of Executive Order 17-146
  - Sufficient funds be made available as needed – unappropriated surplus, etc.
  - State Health Officer and Surgeon General directed to declare a statewide public health emergency
  - State Health Officer directed to take any action necessary to protect public health
  - Executive order expires in sixty days from the date signed, unless extended
- Executive Order 17-146 - [http://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2017/EO\\_17-146.pdf](http://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2017/EO_17-146.pdf)



# State Targeted Response (STR) Opioid Grant

## What are Opioids?

- **Prescription Opioids:** A number of opioids are prescribed by doctors to relieve pain - hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, and codeine
- **Illegal Opioid - Heroin:**
  - Very powerful- similar to morphine - 50 – 100 times more potent
  - Mixed with other drugs and taken unknowingly – Fentanyl (synthetic opioid)
  - Powder and pill form most common –Swallow, snort, inject
  - Mixture of drugs and potency contributes to overdose
  - Opioid addiction is an equally opportunity offender!



# State Targeted Response (STR) Opioid Grant

- **Purpose** - to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery support services to address Florida's opioid abuse crisis
  - Florida will receive a total of \$54.3 million over two years (about \$27.1 million per year)
  - At least 80% must be spend on opioid use disorder treatment and recovery support services.



# Florida's STR Grant Project

- **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT):** Expands access to methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone assisted treatment
- Provides **overdose reversal kits** to individuals in treatment and their family members
- Implements **Life Skills Training** in rural schools to prevent prescription opioid misuse
- Hires **Behavioral Health Consultants** to support child protective investigative staff





# Florida's STR Grant Project - *Continued*

- Hires **Peer Specialists** to assist with quality improvement initiatives and promote peer support services
- Expands a **Prescriber Peer Mentoring Project**
- Establishes **hospital-based peer support** and buprenorphine induction services for overdose victims



# Florida's STR Grant Project - *Continued*

- Pilots computerized interviewing and clinical decision support software – **determine level of care**
- Provides **training for child welfare** and court staff
- Provides training on medication-assisted treatment and Continuous Quality Improvement initiatives for peer support services



# Opioid Related – Resources

1. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Opioids: <https://www.samhsa.gov/atod/opioids>
2. Medication Assisted Treatment:  
<https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment>
3. *MAT for Opioid Addiction: Facts for Families and Friends:*  
<https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA09-4443/SMA09-4443.pdf>
4. Peer Support and Social Inclusion:  
<https://www.samhsa.gov/recovery/peer-support-social-inclusion>
5. STR Grant Information - SAMHSA award of grants:  
<https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201612141015>



# Role of Community and Faith Based Communities

## 1. Educate your communities and congregations

- Invite local mental health experts – including those who have experienced mental illness/lived experience – to speak with your congregation or at community gatherings
- Share facts and common myths about mental health
- Support the development of a trauma-informed community  
Trauma often lies beneath seemingly unrelated problems
- Organize additional meetings, dinners, or other gatherings for members of your congregation or community to have conversations about mental health



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## 2. Identify opportunities to support people with mental illnesses

- Provide meeting space for community conversations, support groups, peer-led groups
- Support community programs (peer mentoring) that encourage social participation and inclusion of all people
- Plan and facilitate a community conversation using [SAMHSA's Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health](#).
- Share the Tool Kit with your colleagues and leaders in other organizations



# Role of Community and Faith Based Communities

## 3. Connect individuals and families to help

- Learn the basic signs of mental illnesses and mental health - encourage those in need to seek help
- Remind others that people can and do recover from mental health challenges and help is available and effective
- Train key community members to identify the signs of depression and suicide and refer people to resources
- Develop relationships with local mental health service providers and other family and youth organizations - direct individuals and families to services and support in the community
- Share resources to locate services – SAMHSA treatment locator



# Role of Community and Faith Based Communities

## 4. Promote acceptance of those with mental health issues

- Talk about your own mental health and wellness, be an example of taking good care of your mental health
- Be inclusive – mental health (MH) and substance abuse (SA) affects us all
- Foster opportunities to build connections with individuals and families dealing with MH and SA challenges
- Foster safe and supportive environments for people to openly talk about mental health, stress, trauma, and related issues
- Encourage and express empathy - Ask what “happened” instead of “What is wrong”



# Role of Community and Faith Based Communities

## Important Concepts

1. Trauma Informed Care
2. Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC)





# Role of Community and Faith Based Communities – Resources

- 1. Mental Health.gov – Creating Community Connections for Mental Health** <https://www.mentalhealth.gov/talk/faith-community-leaders/index.html>
- 2. SAMHSA Faith-based and Community Initiatives (FBCI)** <https://www.samhsa.gov/faith-based-initiatives>
- 3. Community Conversations about Mental Health** <https://www.samhsa.gov/community-conversations>
- 4. Information for Faith-based and Community Leaders** <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/PEP14-FAITHLTP>



# Role of Community and Faith Based Communities – Resources

## 5. Faith-based Organization Fact Sheet

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Everyone-Can-Play-a-Role-in-the-Conversation-about-Mental-Health/PEP14-FAITHFS>

## 6. The Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/partnerships/index.html>

## 7. Suicide Prevention

- Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255
- Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition:  
<http://www.floridasuicideprevention.org/>
- DCF – Suicide Prevention Resources:  
<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/mental-health/suicide-prevention>



# How to Get Information and Assistance

## 1. Managing Entities

- DCF contracts for behavioral health services through regional systems of care called Managing Entities (MEs). MEs do not provide direct services - they allow the department's funding to be tailored to the specific behavioral health needs in the various regions of the State
- Link to contact information for each ME  
<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/substance-abuse/managing-entities>

## 2. United Way 211 Community Resource Directory

- Searchable database to locate services and supports by city or zip code
- <http://www.referweb.net/211communityresources/>



# Get Information and Assistance

## 3. SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Locator

- A confidential and anonymous source of information for persons seeking treatment facilities in the US for substance abuse/addiction and/or mental health problems
- <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>

## 4. Florida National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

- Support, advocacy and education for persons with mental illness by persons with – or families of persons with –mental illness
- <http://www.namiflorida.org/>

## 5. Peer Support Coalition of Florida, Inc.

- Education, advocacy, assistance to locate support services
- <http://www.peersupportfl.org/>





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