

PRINCIPLES TO KEEP IN MIND

There are four principles to keep in mind when discussing this topic and our work.

- Both mental illness and substance use disorders are diseases of the brain.
- We need to promote early detection, intervention and prevention of these diseases.
- We should consider our collective influence to advocate for policy and systems change.
- We must focus on the needs of communities and promote the formation and strengthening of partnerships at the local level.

What activities, programs, and resources can we prioritize – act on quickly?

The workgroup made identifications below, and decided to break down further into sub-groups related to overarching priorities.

Additional priority to consider

- 1) **Access to Illicit Substances** ex: through internet (pharmacy organization examining this issue)

| Safer Prescribing | Safe Storage/Elimination of Unused Rx Drugs | Access to Naloxone | Access to Treatment and Recovery Services |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of the PDMP into EHRs • Deactivation bags provided when certain prescriptions are provided • Revised Joint Pain Management Guidelines in SC • Attention to MMEs by Prescribers • Provider report cards from DHEC gives prescribers comparison to other ‘like’ providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of counties with permanent drop-off sites and disposal to reach 100% of state counties • Education to public on how to dispose of unused medication • OTPs and FQHCs with dispensing pharmacies to serve as drop-off sites • Policy and cost barriers with utilization of drop boxes • Deactivation bags for locations without disposal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacies carrying Naloxone • Prescribers knowing how and when to direct someone to get naloxone • Development of protocol for referral system wherever administration occurs (in the field or in a hospital setting – analogous to suicide attempt related visit where follow-up to community care is the expectation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging Cross system collaboration through formal agreements at a state level (MOA’s) • Broaden array of services offered – ex family planning • ‘Paving a road’ between treatment providers and an emergency department settings (noted that having a dedicated co-location staff member might not be sustainable in all settings) |



South Carolina Behavioral Health Coalition

Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Education and Marketing • Payer Reimbursement • Ask to Academy of Pediatrics to assess for Rx drug access by children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sites (currently free at Wal-Mart) • Partnering with drug free community collations for fund sharing • Walgreens participation one or more disposal sites within each district • Nursing homes/assisted living facilities as a supply source • Academy of pediatrics - opportunity to inquire about medication storage with parents • Increase partnership with commercial pharmacies to address reduced supply of excess medications • Cost of monitoring and disposal a concern • Partnering with a funeral home for incineration (pet funerals only) • Partnering with Pharmacy Association for increased collaboration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of brief intervention practices in emergency care settings • Comfort and management for referral in EDs • Treating a poisoning the same as a suicide attempt • Naloxone saves website with LLR as an educational site: naloxonesaves.sc.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of SBIRT in a variety of health care settings for behavioral health screenings • ED prescribers writing prescription for initial Suboxone supply and link to additional community provider • APRN exemptions for distance or # of supervisory relationships (APRNs and PAs can prescribe Suboxone but must be supervised by a physician that also have exemption to prescribe) |
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