

Alexandria Opioid Work Group

INITIATIVE	LEAD AGENCIES
OPIOID ADDICTION PREVENTION AND EDUCATION	
1. Develop a Public Awareness & Education Plan	DCHS/SAPCA/ACPS
2. Hold Town Hall/Community Conversations; create comprehensive response plan	SAPCA/DCHS
3. Develop a website for easy access to information, FAQs, data, etc. Link website to appropriate City pages, social media, etc.	DCHS
4. Conduct ongoing education to the prescribing community (doctors, dentists, veterinarians)	Health
5. Expand access to permanent drug drop-off boxes	SAPCA
6. Reduce stigma associated with addiction, particularly towards those with an opioid addiction	All
OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT	
7. Expand DCHS Opioid Treatment Program (Medication Assisted Treatment) capacity, as needed	DCHS
8. Address the needs of opioid using inmates at the Alexandria Detention Center during incarceration, and at release	Sheriff's Office
9. Consider needs, advantages, and challenges of Comprehensive Harm Reduction (including a Needle Exchange Program)	Health
OVERDOSE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY	
10. Create an Overdose Response protocol to work with victims and provide immediate linkages to treatment; Develop a referral system with IAH to ensure that those at risk, including those who have just overdosed, can immediately access treatment and other resources	IAH/DCHS/EMS/APD
11. Develop a Spike Response Plan	APD/DCHS
12. Expand REVIVE (Naloxone/Narcan) trainings	Health
13. Make Narcan easily available to high-risk populations (Jail releases, ARTC and OTP clients, etc)	Health/Sheriff/DCHS
14. Implement any needed safety protocols for first responders	EMS/APD
DIVERSION OF ADDICTED PERSONS INTO TREATMENT	
15. Explore creation of a Treatment Court, as well as other sentencing alternative options	CA's Office, APD, P&P, DCHS
16. Consider delayed warrants for those who have overdosed	APD
17. Expand police education re: ODs and treatment resources; CIT; roll call trainings re: response and treatment options	APD
SUPPLY REDUCTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES	
18. Continue focus on distribution/investigation (identifying drug trafficking organizations)	APD
19. Use HIDTA OD Map and regular tracking of incidents to monitor local trends in real time	APD
20. Conduct operational activities to disrupt street level narcotic use/dealing	APD
OTHER	
21. Hire Opioid Coordinator	DCHS, on behalf of OWG