

Opioid Operational Command Center

Briefing Memo

To: Inter-Agency Heroin & Opioid Coordinating Council

Through: Jessica Goodell

From: Clay Stamp & Secretary Schrader

Re: Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC)

Date: April 6, 2017

Completed Action Items (March 30, 2017 – April 6, 2017):

- Extended the Heroin, Opioid, and Fentanyl Overdose Crisis State of Emergency
- Utilized OOCC statewide alert and response standard operating procedure to validate and respond to heroin and opioid-related inquiries from local jurisdictions within a 48-hour timeframe
- Completed statewide heroin and opioid-related inventory of current programs and associated cost-centers across health and human services, education, and public safety partners
- Continued activities associated with mobilization efforts to coordinate all state and local partners [see coordinated meetings below]

Planned Actions Items (April 6, 2017 – April 12, 2017):

- Presented letter, to be mailed to local chief elected officials of the state, for Governor review and approval
- Coordinate statewide activity, to include state and local partners, for National Drug Take Back Day on 4/29/2017
- Conduct workgroup sessions to further define activities within the strategy goals and objectives across operational branches. Finalize OOCC strategic working plan for reducing opioid overdose deaths in Maryland based on a rapid assessment of current initiatives and their evidence base [All OOCC Partners]

- Develop OCCC long-term project management work plan, structure, spending plan, and staffing needs, including hiring an OCCC program support manager
- Attend briefing events in all 24 jurisdictions, beginning Friday in Charles County and Annapolis. A list of all meetings will be provided to the Governor or Lt. Governor
- Work with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives to develop regional workshops and convene town hall meetings to receive feedback from community
 - Evaluate feasibility of engaging and coordinating volunteers - Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
- Present Opioid Intervention Team framework to Local Health Officers at monthly Maryland Association of County Health Officers meeting on 4/12/2017
- Starting with DHMH employees, pilot an employee Ambassador Program for opioid awareness and replicate across state and possibly local agencies

OCCC Coordinated meetings

The OCCC continues the mobilization phase (0 - 90 days) to engage partners at the state and local level working on heroin and opioid-related initiatives, including but not limited to the following meetings:

- Convened Local Emergency Managers [over 30 individuals] to present Opioid Intervention Team framework and discuss established heroin and opioid-related local resources that can be leveraged [Partners: DHMH, MEMA]
- Convened OCCC Operational staff [24 individuals] to begin a new two-week operational period with nine objectives and over forty tasks to complete by 4/17/2017
- Convened key OCCC Joint Information Center (JIC) partners [15 individuals] to develop content for dual functioning, web-based sharing, platform [Partners: DHMH, GOCCP, MEMA, Governor's Office of Communications, DoIT]
- Engaged OCCC Health and Medical branch partners [over 40 individuals] to follow-up on hospital Emergency Department Directors meeting and provide operational period briefings and updates [Partners: DHMH (BHA,

OCME, OPR, PHS, LHDs, LAAs), MIEMSS, MedCHI, MHA, Medicaid, Medical Boards, etc]

- Discussed opportunities to collaborate with Maryland Public Television and continue efforts regarding “Breaking Heroin’s Grip” media campaign in February 2017