NALOXONE PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Naloxone Project is a collaborative effort between the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Social Services (DSS). This project serves as one facet of a larger strategic plan as it relates to South Dakota’s Opioid STR.

The purpose of the Naloxone Project is to educate, train, and equip First Responders on the rising dangers of opioids across South Dakota. This report serves to inform Key Stakeholders on year one activities of the Project.

Over the course of several months, the Naloxone Project staff has trained 730 First Responders in over 40 independent training classes. These “Train the Trainer” classes have equipped participants with educational materials to provide training to staff unable to attend the 2017 regional sessions.

As a direct result of this project, a 14 y/o has been given a second chance at life. Well worth the efforts—a special thanks to all who have contributed to this important project!

CURRENT ACTIVITIES-YEAR 2

- Identifying and training First Responder agencies unable to attend the 2017 training sessions.
- Strong focus on Tribal Partners, ensuring training and Naloxone distribution
- Weekly tracking of Naloxone Use
THE NALOXONE PROJECT TEAM

The success appreciated thus far of this statewide project is a direct result of the dedicated team of individuals who have traveled hundreds of miles, taught hours of courses, and continue to contribute to a cause that will save lives and provide some with a second chance.

The Naloxone Project was overseen by leadership within the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services. The Project includes medical direction, data analysts, two primary super-trainers, several regional trainers, and high-fidelity simulators.

The team consists of Bob Hardwick, Julie Smithson, Eugene Taylor, Lindsey Narloch, Shawn Fischer, Chuck Hanson, Jackie Conlon, Nicole Neugebauer, Tammy VanDam, Gordon Dekkenga, Doug Glover, Aaron Anthony, Dr. Jeff Luther, and our Simulation in Motion teams from Avera, Sanford, and Regional.
First Responder Participants

Approximately 500 First Responders participated in one of the 8 regional “Train the Trainer” sessions held the fall of 2017. Since the completion of the first phase of the project, an additional 200 responders have been trained in local face to face courses.

Legend

- EMS—Emergency Medical Services
- DOC—Department of Corrections
- Hospitals—General and Critical Access
- PD—Police Departments
- SO—Sheriff Departments
- DCI—Division of Criminal Investigation
- GFP—Game Fish and Parks