**County and Location of Forum:** Surry County Opioid Response Advisory Council

**Date:** June 8, 2018

 **Key Strategies and Next Steps**

**STRATEGY #1: Approaching and Assisting Patients in Recovery**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?
	+ Support patients that have broken the cycle of addiction and are in recovery and grow the number of individuals in this group.
* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?
	+ All members of the Opioid Response Advisory Council have a role to play from their respective positions.
* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?
	+ Law enforcement
	+ Public health and DSS
	+ LME/MCO and care coordinators
	+ The faith-based community
* What are the hidden obstacles to implementing this idea?
	+ Unclear/unknown communication between groups and specified role. Counter this obstacle by compiling contacts made and support resources already in place and formalize them.

Timeline to implement idea: Short-term; ask Council members to provide their specific methods of communication and support at next meeting.

**STRATEGY #2: Apply DEA 360 Strategy model and other DEA programs**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?
	+ The 360 Strategy takes a three-pronged approach to combat heroin/opioid use through coordinated law enforcement, diversion control, and community outreach.
	+ https://www.dea.gov/prevention/360-strategy/360-strategy.shtml
* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?
	+ DEA, Law Enforcement, Pharmacies, and Open Communication with the Public
* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?
	+ Relationship with DEA agents and coordinated law enforcement within Surry County

Timeline to implement idea: Short-term; Investigate 360 Strategy program and similarities to pilot cities already underway

**STRATEGY #3: School Resources**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?
	+ Increase the number of parent programs offered in conjunction with the school systems; day treatment programs; increase training/education for students
* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?
	+ School systems; Parents and Students; Speakers and conveners for programs
* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?
	+ Several programs already exist, but should be examined for possible expansion
* What are the hidden obstacles to implementing this idea?
	+ Funding and time constraints

Timeline to implement idea: Short- and long-term; start by surveying school systems to determine what is currently offered.

**STRATEGY #4: Changing the Public Narrative**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?
	+ Communicate the work of the Council; the manner in which the county is working to address the crisis; and available resources/support to the public
	+ Increase the number of community meetings or contact with county residents to remove stigma and create trust
	+ Provide a glossary of terms, a list of support resources, and points-of-contact to the public
* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?
	+ All members of the Opioid Response Advisory Council have a role to play from their respective positions.
* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?
	+ Request specific information from Council members on how their departments currently provide information and resources to the public and determine whether there is way to streamline/add to/increase saturation with the public.

Timeline to implement idea: In the short-term, gather necessary information from Council members. Implementation will be long-term endeavor.

**STRATEGY #5: Emphasize and Grow Work on Stepping Up Initiative**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?
	+ The county joined the Stepping Up Initiative several years ago; opportunity to increase engagement
* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?
	+ Law enforcement and national partners
* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?
	+ Support and corresponding resolution from county board

Timeline to implement idea: In the short-term, examine ways to increase involvement with the Initiative: <https://stepuptogether.org/>

**STRATEGY #6: Increase Mental Health Treatment and Resources**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?
	+ Increase the funding for and mental health treatment available
* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?
	+ Work with elected officials to request increased commitment to this need
* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?
	+ Relationship with area LME/MCO and support from county board

Timeline to implement idea: Longer term

**Other Strategies:**

* Drug Court
* Nuisance Abatement
* DEA investigation of pharmacies with disproportionate numbers