



# Statewide Opioid Safety Workgroup

## Task Forces

### Communication

Develop and deliver compelling messages that shift patient attitudes and behavior regarding opioid use and pain management.

### Data

Increase access and sharing of data on prescribing, overdoses, and deaths to track the epidemic and inform interventions.

### Opioid Treatment

Increase the availability of medication assisted treatment and naloxone to prevent overdose deaths while improving the quality of life for individuals experiencing opioid use disorder.

### Maternal Neonatal

Take action to address maternal/perinatal opioid issues through “mutually reinforcing” activities.

## About the Statewide Opioid Safety Workgroup

Convened in 2014, the Statewide Opioid Safety (SOS) Workgroup brings together over 40 state-level and non-government stakeholders, including among others the Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, Department of Health Care Services, California Society of Addiction Medicine, Covered CA, California Board of Pharmacy, and California Conference of Local Health Officers. The workgroup, and its supporting task forces, provides a platform for state and local entities addressing opioid overdoses and addiction to improve coordination and expand joint efforts.

## SOS Workgroup Priorities

Strengthen statewide collaboration to improve effectiveness.

Expand access to all forms of FDA approved medically assisted treatment (MAT), harm reduction services, and naloxone distribution

Identify and prioritize best practices and policies for priority populations and high risk settings.

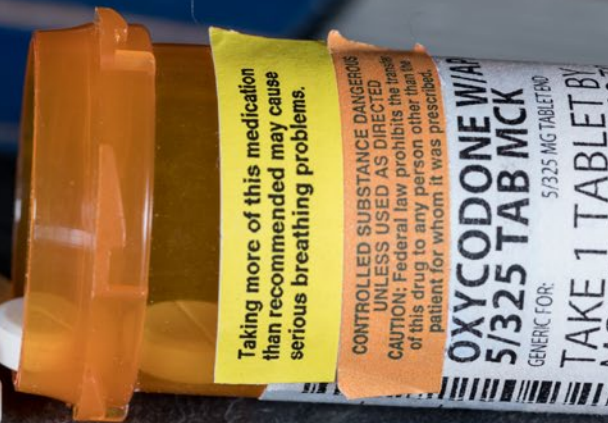
Promote and support expanded data sharing.

Support implementation of effective policy and practice solutions.

Support and coordinate statewide communication, education, and awareness efforts.

Support local opioid safety coalitions and community engagement.

# Task Force Accomplishments 2014-2017



## Communication

Key informant interviews -- county health officers, CDPH coalition leads, other stakeholders

Researched state and federal campaign landscape to identify best practices.

Surveyed media polls for information about attitudes and concerns related to opioids

## Data

Served as an advisory group for the CDPH Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard development

Identified core set of indicators for opioid overdose surveillance and refined data definitions

Collaboration between local and state agencies - Worked together to identify and address data issues

Worked with data providers to access more timely data

## Opioid Treatment

County level inventory of MAT services & existing gaps

Provided recommendations to DHCS' Hub and Spoke plan for MAT

Provided feedback to CDPH Naloxone Distribution Program

Promotion of increases in naloxone distribution sites and creation of California statewide standing order - Promotion of inclusion of harm reduction services

## Maternal Neonatal

Brought together subject matter experts from multiple organizations/disciplines to identify the full continuum of issues (e.g., preconception to treatment/recovery for mom and baby)

Brought together subject matter experts from multiple organizations/disciplines to identify existing best/promising policies and practices

Brought together subject matter experts from multiple organizations/disciplines to Provide guidance to partners on current work (e.g., CHCF Urban Institute survey of MAT access)

Highlighted and elevated issues around maternal and neonatal care