GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT & PREVENTION

FACT SHEET

There are many factors and stakeholders involved in combatting drug abuse, including the areas of law enforcement, prevention, and treatment. We must encourage conversation and information sharing to form the best solution to tackle this epidemic - for the sake of all Hoosiers.

TASK FORCE

Established by Executive Order, the Task Force will bring together Indiana experts from a variety of specialties to evaluate the growing national drug problem here in Indiana. Specifically, the Task Force is charged with:

- STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT: Evaluate the existing resources across all areas, identify gaps in enforcement treatment, prevention, and provide recommendations for improvement
- ENFORCEMENT: Identify effective strategies so federal, state, and local law enforcement can partner together to combat drug abuse
- TREATMENT: Analyze available resources for treatment and identify best practices for treating drug addiction
- PREVENTION: Identify programs and/or policies which are effective in preventing drug abuse, including early youth intervention programs

The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Governor throughout the process of meetings, and will prepare a final report of all findings and recommendations.

MEETINGS

Task Force members will meet monthly in the north, central, and southern areas of the state.

- SEPTEMBER 16: Indianapolis, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  Eskenazi Health Outpatient Center
- OCTOBER 15: Evansville, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  University of Southern Indiana
- NOVEMBER 19: South Bend, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  University of Notre Dame

Updates to the meeting schedule, as well as resources to help those addicted to drugs, can be found here:

www.DrugTaskForce.in.gov

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Drug abuse is a nationwide problem. Here's where Indiana stands:

16th — Indiana's 2013 national ranking for overdose rate [1]

10x — From 2005 to 2013, instances in which heroin was reported in overdose deaths increased [2]

500% — The increase in unintentional poisoning deaths from 1999 to 2009 [3]

Issues and current services available in Evansville include:

ISSUES:

Abuse of all targeted drugs, limited detoxification capacity, large number returning from correctional facilities [4]

SAMPLING OF CURRENT SERVICES OFFERED:

Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) Certfied providers [5]

- 2 Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
- 3 Residential Addiction Facilities
- 1 Opioid Treatment Program
- 6 Additional DMHA Certified Addiction Service Providers

With the new Healthy Indiana Plan, or HIP 2.0, more than 6,000 additional people in Vanderburgh County now have coverage for drug abuse treatment and prevention services.

The Indiana Department of Child Services has 98 providers who offer substance abuse services around the state, including 39 who offer services in this region.

1. WISQARS - Center for Disease Control
2. Indiana State Dept. of Health - Epidemiology Resource Center
3. WISQARS - Center for Disease Control
4. The Fairbanks School of Public Health's epidemiological study of counties
5. DMHA is a Division of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)

EXAMPLES OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

- HIP 2.0 reformed health coverage for potentially 350,000 low-income, uninsured Hoosiers. This will expand access to drug abuse treatment and prevention services for eligible individuals.
- Governor Pence signed legislation to allocate $30 million over the biennium for the Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Services Grant program, which may be used for vouchers for community corrections programs, court-administered programs, probation/diversion programs, and community health centers and certified or licensed mental health and addiction providers.
- In 2015, Governor Pence signed into law legislation that increased Naloxone availability to help save the lives of those who are gripped by addiction.
- The Attorney General's Prescription Drug Task Force formed in 2012 specifically addresses prescription drug abuse in Indiana.
- The Enhanced Enforcement Drug Mitigation Grant is $500,000 over the biennium to target communities with high drug activities. The plan implementing this strategy is currently being developed.
- Hamilton County's Youth Assistance Program reduced juvenile referrals to the criminal justice system by having school officials identify at-risk youth and intervening early by assigning youth mentors. The Allen County Juvenile Center has implemented a number of programs to address at-risk youth, and Youth First, Inc. in Evansville utilizes evidence-based programs and places social workers in schools to provide early intervention services to students.