

Innovations and Barriers in Advancing Treatment and Recovery: An Agency Perspective

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Overview

- ▶ How agencies can be proactive in advancing and implementing policies to facilitate treatment and recovery.
- ▶ The role of an agency in removing barriers to accessing treatment.
- ▶ Innovative approaches to facilitate treatment and recovery.
- ▶ Future innovations that are in the planning stages.



State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy

- ▶ The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is the single State agency in Ohio responsible for administering and enforcing laws governing the practice of pharmacy and the legal distribution of drugs.
- ▶ The Board licenses and regulates more than 87,000 professionals, including pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians, and sites where drugs and home medical equipment are purchased and stored prior to delivery to a patient.
- ▶ The sites licensed by the Board include most places that possess drugs, including treatment pharmacies, treatment facilities, hospitals, detox facilities, local health departments, jails, nursing homes, EMS, etc.



State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy

- ▶ While the role of the Board traditionally focused on regulation and diversion prevention, it has expanded its focus to include the facilitation of safe and effective treatment and prevention of substance use disorder.
- ▶ The Board is a member of the state's RecoveryOhio initiative, which comprises a cross section of state agencies aimed at addressing substance use disorder and mental health.



Advancing & Implementing Policies to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery

- ▶ The Board has been a champion for expanded naloxone access.
- ▶ For example, the Board either drafted legislation or actively lobbied for the following bills, which are now law, to expand access to naloxone:
 - ▶ HB 170 (March 11, 2014) – Permitted community distribution of naloxone via a protocol.
 - ▶ HB 4 (July 16, 2015) – Authorized pharmacies to dispense naloxone via a protocol.
 - ▶ HB 341 (December 16, 2020) – Authorized the use of naloxboxes and naloxone vending machines.



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- ▶ Advocating is not enough.
- ▶ **Agency needs to assist with implementation.**
- ▶ For example, the Board developed a naloxone resources page (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/naloxone) that includes detailed guidance documents for pharmacies, clinics, local health departments, EMS, etc.
- ▶ For pharmacies, it includes patient counseling brochures (in multiple languages) and sample protocols.



Patient Counseling Brochures

- ▶ English
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Somali
- ▶ Nepali
- ▶ Simplified Chinese
- ▶ Arabic

How do I know if someone is overdosing?

If someone takes more opioids than their body can handle, they can pass out, stop breathing, and die. An opioid overdose can take minutes or even hours to occur.

A person who is experiencing an overdose may have the following symptoms:

- Slow breathing (less than 1 breath every 5 seconds) or no breathing.
- Vomiting.
- Face is pale and clammy.
- Blue lips, fingernails, or toenails.
- Slow, erratic, or no pulse.
- Snoring or gurgling noises while asleep or nodding out.
- No response when you yell the person's name or rub the middle of their chest with your knuckles.

Overdose Recognition and Response Guide



Sideen ku garanayaa hadii uu qof tandhaafay?

Hadii uu qof qaato oobiyooodh ka badan inta jidhkiisu qaadi karo, wuu suuxi karaa, waxa uu joojinayaa neefsiga oo wuu dhiman karaa. Tandhaafidda oobiyooodhku waxay ku timaadaa daqiiqado ama saacado.

Qofka ay ku dhacdo tandhaafiddu waxa uu muujin karaa astaamaha soo socda:

- Neefsi yar (wax ka badan 1 neefsi 5 ilbidhiqsiba) ama aan neefsanaynin.
- Hunqaaco.
- Wajiga oo cadaada oo dhidida.
- Bishimaha, cidiyaha faraha ama suulasha oo buluug noqda.
- Garaaca wadnaha oo yaraada, aan caadi ahayn, ama aan garaacayninba.
- Cod khuuro ama dhawaaq inta uu qofku hurdo ama marka uu iska jiifo.
- Qofka oo marka lagu qayliyo magaciisa ama marka faraha looga xoqo xabadka aan jawaabaynin .

Tandhaafiddu waa XAALAD CAAFIMAAD OO DEGDEG AH!
Wac 9-1-1 isla markaba



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OHIO PHARMACIES DISPENSING NALOXONE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION

*The list below is of Ohio licensed pharmacies which dispense naloxone pursuant to OAC 4729:1-3-04.
For more information on naloxone, visit our [naloxone resources page](#).*

[DOWNLOAD FULL LIST](#)Filter by county:

License Number	Business Name	Phone	Address	County
021220950	HEALTHSOURCE SEAMAN PHARMACY	(513) 732-5084	218 STERN DRIVE SEAMAN, OH 45679	Adams
022424300	SOMC PHARMACY WEST UNION	(937) 544-8989	90 CIC BOULEVARD WEST UNION, OH 45693	Adams
020599350	WAL-MART PHARMACY 10-1368	(479) 204-2258	11217 STATE ROUTE 41 WEST UNION, OH 45693	Adams
021612850	ALLEN CNTY HLTH PARTNERS PHARMACY	(419) 221-3072	441 EAST 8TH STREET LIMA, OH 45804	Allen
022833400	CVS/PHARMACY #11213	(401) 765-1500	126 N. MAIN STREET BLUFFTON, OH 45817	Allen



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State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy, RecoveryOhio Announce Installation of NaloxBoxes in State Office Buildings

Columbus, Ohio — Today, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy and RecoveryOhio announced the installation of NaloxBoxes in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts and Rhodes State Office Tower.

The Board and RecoveryOhio, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, installed 9 NaloxBoxes in publicly accessible areas in each building. These boxes equip Ohioans with the tools needed to effectively respond to an overdose using naloxone, a life-saving drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.



RecoveryOhio Director Aimee Shadwick and State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Steven Schierholt next to newly installed Naloxbox.

"The shift to more potent opioids requires solutions that will keep our fellow citizens alive



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- ▶ The Board drafted and is actively spearheading SB 296, which seeks to:
 - ▶ Completely deregulate naloxone distribution (removing protocol requirements, licensure requirements, etc.) by basically authorizing anyone to possess, administer, distribute or sell the drug.
 - ▶ Authorize the use of fentanyl test strips by removing them from the definition of drug paraphernalia.



Removing Barriers to Treatment and Recovery

- ▶ Agencies must also recognize that they are sometimes the “hold up.”
- ▶ If someone is trying to do the right thing, then try to get to a place of “yes.”
- ▶ Must be responsive to changing landscape.
- ▶ Do not let the perfect be the enemy of the good.



Removing Barriers to Treatment and Recovery

- ▶ Example: Mobile OTP Clinics
 - DEA finalized rule on June 28, 2021.
 - Board of Pharmacy finalized its rule on January 22, 2022.
- ▶ Example: Naloxone for emergency use in outdoor settings
 - Developed a temperature excursion policy to allow licensees to maintain naloxone in outdoor settings.



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery

- ▶ Board expanded the types of drugs that may be donated to drug repositories to include LAI buprenorphine medications used to treat substance used disorder.
- ▶ Allows clients to agree to donate if they miss appointments. Prevents the wasting of expensive medications already paid for by insurance.
- ▶ Also developed guidance to promote this policy change and to reiterate to licensees that injectable naltrexone can also be donated to a repository.



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery

- ▶ Additionally, the Board believes that pharmacists can play a vital role in the provision of SUD treatment.
- ▶ Supported state law that permits pharmacists to administer LAI buprenorphine.
- ▶ **Unfortunately, DEA says is not permitted by federal law.**



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery - PDMP

- ▶ The Board is also aware that it's PDMP data is vital to facilitating prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- ▶ Working with RecoveryOhio, the Board successfully lobbied for the formal recognition of overdose and suicide prevention fatality review committees that included access to PDMP data as part of their review.
- ▶ Access to the PDMP data is via the healthcare providers that already serve on the committee.



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery - PDMP

- ▶ Developed OTP “flag” in PDMP to alert providers a patient is treated at an OTP (go live 9/8/21).
- ▶ Made possible with changes from 42 CFR Part II. Consent for transmission is included in annual consent documented by Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- ▶ Closes a blind spot for providers and improves overall care coordination.
- ▶ Not accessible to law enforcement.

ADDITIONAL RISK INDICATORS (1)

- ▶ Patient is participating in an opioid treatment program to address a diagnosed opioid use disorder at <facility name + phone>



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery - PDMP

- ▶ Starting on February 16, 2021, the Ohio Supreme Court began reporting active adult drug court participants to OARRS.
- ▶ It is the first such program in the United States to have a direct notification method between the judicial and healthcare realms to prevent pharmaceutical misuse.
- ▶ Participants in a certified drug court are flagged to determine if there is a treatment conflict with those medications.

ADDITIONAL RISK INDICATORS (2)

- ▶ Patient is participating in a specialized docket to address a diagnosed substance use disorder.



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery - PDMP

- ▶ The Board operates a pre-criminal intervention program for patients exhibiting possible doctor shopping behavior, known as the OARRS Early Intervention Program (EIP).
- ▶ Using data from OARRS, specially trained Board agents work to identify doctor shoppers and reach out to them to connect them with a treatment assessment and subsequent monitoring.
- ▶ This EIP is not intended to be punitive but rather to try and get a person help before they switch to more potent street drugs.
- ▶ Program is funded via COSSAP Harold Rogers PDMP Grant.



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery - PDMP

- ▶ To date one hundred thirty-nine (139) early intervention cases have been opened by OARRS EIP Agents.
 - Sixty-two (62) individuals have signed a deferred prosecution agreements and agreed to participate in the program.
 - Forty-three (43) participants have successfully completed the program.
 - Eleven (11) individuals who were identified for the program were ultimately investigated and referred for criminal prosecution.
 - Thirty-six (36) cases were referred to law enforcement since the beginning of 2021.
 - Eight (8) are currently being monitored for intervention compliance.



Innovative Approaches to Facilitate Treatment and Recovery - PDMP

- ▶ In addition to assisting individuals who may need treatment or access to other resources, the OARRS EIP is able to help individuals without exhausting the court system and tying up valuable resources. This is a win/win for the participants in the program as well as the criminal justice system.
- ▶ While helping just ONE person makes all the effort worth it, the OARRS EIP has helped MANY to turn their lives around. Please see the unsolicited testimonials below from individuals who have successfully completed the OARRS EI program:
 - ▶ *"Thank you so much for your kind words and, more importantly, your support. This program works because of people like you who actually take time to make a connection."* -M.C
 - ▶ *"I'm always grateful for the both of you."* – E.P.



Future Innovations

- ▶ Expanding the Board's early intervention program by allowing data sharing with local quick response teams.
 - Seeking legislative change to permit the Board to authorize additional uses for PDMP data in administrative rule for the purpose of public health.
 - Example: Interventions for patients who have abruptly stopped taking buprenorphine.



Future Innovations

- ▶ PDMP vendor is currently working on developing a flag that notifies prescribers when they are required to co-prescribe naloxone in accordance with state regulations.
- ▶ Collection of race/ethnicity data in PDMP.
 - Part of COSSAP Harold Rogers Funding.

