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Steele County Opioid Settlement Funds Plan

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Steele County Public Health is in its first year of opioid response efforts. In addition to county opioid settlement funding, additional resources from the ND Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division (BHD) to be utilized include the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.

Steele County Public Health is working in cooperation with the Steele County Auditor, County Commissioners, State's Attorney, and Sheriff to develop the following plan to address opioid misuse:

1. Increase availability of naloxone
 - a. Secure stock of naloxone from the ND Dept. of Health & Human Services (BHD).
 - b. Provide naloxone and education on its use to law enforcement, first responders, schools, civic groups, bars, faith community, and individuals.
 - c. Stock naloxone with AED's placed in Steele County.
 - d. Promote naloxone training with video instruction on SCPH website.
2. Promote safe disposal of prescription medications.
 - a. Place drug take-back boxes in strategic locations within the county. Work with local law enforcement and the state to determine accessible locations.
 - b. Distribute Deterra bags at community events.
3. Offer proven-effective education using team approach of public health, law enforcement, and states attorney in schools and student organizations about the dangers of ingesting pills from unknown sources, the health and legal consequences of drug use, and the devastation that results for families, friends, and communities experiencing a death from an overdose.
4. Provide access to CredibleMind digital platform for improvement of mental health by prevention, early intervention, and evidence-based self-care. The program provides access to a comprehensive collection of apps, videos, podcasts, articles, books, and other resources, including referral for diagnosis and treatment for over 200+ topics.

This plan will be revisited on a regular basis and adjusted to best meet local conditions using existing resources.