

Sargent County District Health Unit

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Sargent County Opioid Settlement Allocation Plan

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The Sargent County District Health Unit was awarded funding through the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant beginning May of 2019. Our goal was to provide naloxone with training and education in Sargent County. We also worked to reduce stigma surrounding OUD (Opioid Use Disorder).

We have again been awarded State Opioid Response Grant funds for the 2023-2024 grant cycle. Our current efforts will continue. Our community will continue to combat opioid overdoses by being prepared to help reverse an active overdose. We will continue to educate about the dangers of opioids, how the national trends on opioids are changing, and what to be aware of in regards to our local data.

The Sargent County District Health Unit will work collaboratively with the Sargent County Sheriff's Department, Commission, State's Attorney and Auditor to develop and support activities as allowed in Exhibit E.

The Sargent County District Health Unit's goals are sustainable collaborative prevention with wrap around services and better treatment accessibility. We will work with our key stakeholders and community partners to:

- 1. Continue Naloxone education and distribution if current funding does not continue.
- 2. Expand availability to mobile interventions for OUD and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions.
- 3. Increase access to community-based treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions.
- 4. Provide access to treatment for trauma for individuals with OUD and family members as well as training to health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.
- 5. Enhance the behavioral health workforce.
- 6. Fund staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capacity to decrease the opioid crisis.

This plan may be adjusted to meet changing needs.