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### Emmons County Opioid Settlement Funds Plan

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Emmons County Public Health (ECPH) is in its second year working with the SOR (State Opioid Response) grant as well as the BHD (Behavioral Health Division). ECPH also worked in a regional collaborative grant with western plains public health a couple of years ago, so there has been some outreach in the communities over the past couple years.

The SOR grant has allowed ECPH to collaborate with the Linton Regional Medical Center, Thrifty White Drugstore in Linton to get Narcan into the hands of residents upon discharge or pick up of medications where an overdose could potentially occur afterwards. We have also collaborated with the Emmons County Court House – including the auditor, Sheriff's Department, County Commissioners, and States Attorney to develop and implement plans to address concerns in the county about opioid misuse.

- 1) Prevent Opioid and stimulant (mis)use
  - a. Secure stock of Narcan that is always readily available in office from the BHD
  - b. Provide Narcan education to local law enforcement, first responders, pharmacists, school counselors and staff, businesses, convenience stores and the general public.
  - c. Stock Narcan and One Boxes in already established AED locations throughout the county. Offer One Boxes to businesses that don't have AEDs.
  - d. Promote Take Back sites in the county outside of Linton as they already have two take-back sites in town but will still be offered at Linton.
  - e. Promote the use of Detera bags with all home visit clients, health maintenance clinics, community events, senior centers, and all in office visits.
- 2) Reduce harm related to opioids and stimulants
  - a. Continue to get Narcan doses and education into all businesses that are willing to have it, focusing on esp. on high traffic areas such as convenience stores.
- 3) Improve access to evidence-based treatment
  - a. Face book posts educating about importance of Narcan and possible treatment options.
  - b. Billboard signs and/or add in the local newspaper about Narcan and where they can receive it.

Plan to reassess this plan regularly and modify/adjust tasks to the needs of the community at the time and as resources allow.