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North Dakota Opioid Settlement

Lake Region District Health Unit Allocation Plan

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Lake Region District Health Unit Opioid Settlement Funds Plan and Future Strategies Proposal

Lake Region District Health Unit proposes Opioid Settlement funds be used for the following mitigation plan:

- 1. The Lake Region District Health Unit (LRDHU) will have dedicated staff to coordinate the program including but not limited to planning, implementing and providing outreach services.
 - a. Coordinate Community Prevention Coalition on a continual basis
 - b. Maintain membership from key community resources
 - c. Hold monthly prevention coalition meetings
 - d. Collaborate with key community sectors
- 2. Distribute naloxone throughout the community with focus on high-risk groups
 - a. Provide education and training in surrounding schools
 - b. Provide naloxone to First Responders including law enforcement, fire departments and Emergency Medical Services
 - c. Provide naloxone to the Lake Region Law Enforcement Jail for distribution to individuals when released from jail.
 - d. Provide naloxone to organizations that serve high-risk individuals
 - e. Provide naloxone boxes to highly frequented areas in county buildings, schools, malls, churches etc.
 - f. Provide naloxone to the community through Narcan Distribution Boxes
- 3. Provide and maintain a comprehensive, needs based syringe services and harm reduction program for persons that inject drugs
 - a. Provide dedicated staff to coordinate and manage the syringe services and harm reduction program.
 - b. Purchase of harm reduction supplies excluding syringes.
 - c. Offer harm reduction supplies including syringes, sager use supplies, naloxone, sharps containers, safer sex kits, fentanyl and xylazine test strips.
 - d. Provide services, education and training including safer injection practices, naloxone education, safer sex education, HIV, HCV and STI education, rapid HIV/HCV testing, immunizations, proper sharp disposal, wound care, fentanyl and xylazine education.
 - e. Provide referrals to healthcare, behavioral health, social services, public health and treatment.
 - f. Provide, supply and maintain Hardware SD 5000 Indoor vending machine through Intelligent Dispensing Solutions.

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Future Strategies Proposal:

- 1. Provide naloxone training to all high school seniors and incoming students at Lake Region State College.
- 2. Provide Narcan Distribution Boxes to all the surrounding counties of service.
- 3. Supply and maintain indoor vending machine including annual software fees, annual cellular fees and internet fees.
- 4. Provide cross training of staff to ensure consistency of hours of operation for the Syringe Services and Harm Reduction program.
- 5. Obtain laptop computers and needed supplies to increase efficiency of services provided to clients and staff.
- 6. Increase public awareness through community events, advertisements and partnerships.