

# Orange County Heroin Task Force Treatment Subcommittee Report



# Treatment Subcommittee

## Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

- Michael Deichen, M.D., Director, UCF Health Services
- Phil Scarpelli, Regional Director, Florida Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse & Mental Health Program Office



## Participating Agencies/Members:

A Stepping Stone to Success  
Advanced Recovery Systems  
Alkermes  
Aspire Health Partners  
Bridges of America  
CAS Counseling Services  
Central Florida Cares Health System  
Central Florida Recovery Centers  
CNS Healthcare  
Colonial Management Group  
Dept. Children & Families  
Enricover2gether  
Families in Recovery Central Florida  
Florida Community Outreach  
Healthy Families Orange, Howard Phillips

## Agencies:

My Father Cares  
M-CAN  
Ninth Judicial Circuit, Problem Solving Courts  
N.O.W. Matters More Foundation  
Orange County Corrections Department  
Quest Counseling/The Couch Live  
Sovereign Health  
STEPS  
Sunrise Detox  
Teen Challenge of Central Florida  
Turning Point of Central Florida  
University of Central Florida  
United Way of Central Florida 211  
Walgreens

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## Objectives:

- 1) Review current admission data, treatment services (to include drug court) and recovery support services available in the community (public and private) and on campuses regarding heroin and prescription opioid abuse
- 2) Review medication-assisted treatment and behavioral treatment options for heroin and prescription opioid abuse and look at best practices that increase access to services
- 3) Examine training needs for the treatment community regarding medication-assisted treatment, Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and other clinically proven models
- 4) Work with Orange County Corrections on access to treatment or “treatment readiness” in jail and treatment planning/transition to access care in the community

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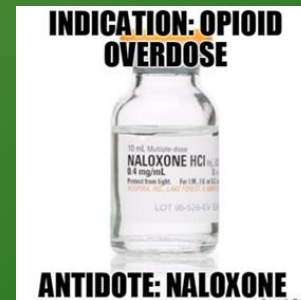
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- 5) Work with the other subcommittees on strategies to share de-identified data regarding heroin and prescription opioid abuse to assist in tracking drug trends and direct resources in the community
- 6) Work with the Healthcare subcommittee to discuss best practices that bring pain management physicians and psychiatrists and treatment providers together to discuss pain management and addiction
- 7) Review local use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (E-FORCSE) and explore options to increase access
- 8) Work with the Education and Prevention subcommittee on creating user-friendly flyers/handouts/webpage information on how to access treatment and locate treatment and recovery support services in the community and on college campuses

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## Proposed Recommendation:

- **Increase Access to Naloxone by supporting the authorization of standing order** under the Florida Emergency Responder and Treatment Act
  - Allows for expanded access and distribution of naloxone and permits pharmacists to dispense naloxone under the standing order
  - Request Modification to the Emergency Treatment and Recovery Act Florida Statute 381.887
- **Issue a Letter from the Task Force Members asking treatment agencies to prescribe naloxone at discharge to all heroin dependent clients**



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## Proposed Recommendation:

- **Advocate for Increased Funding for Detox Beds and Ambulatory Detox for heroin addicted patients**
  - Work collaboratively to identify additional funding opportunities for detox beds and/or ambulatory detox through federal, state or local funding
- **Increase Education for Ambulatory Detox for medical professionals and clinicians working with heroin addicted patients**
  - Education on type of patients appropriate for treatment and support services required for safety of patient and successful treatment



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## Proposed Recommendation:

- **Increase Communication and Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment** options and Naloxone to medical providers and family members for those addicted to heroin
  - FDA approved medications for opiate addiction: buprenorphine, methadone and extended-release injectable naltrexone
  - FDA approved naloxone administration devices: auto-injector or nasal spray



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## Proposed Recommendation:

- **Create a Comprehensive List of Substance Abuse Providers (public and private)** in Orange County via web, social media, and print format
  - Ensure providers list is distributed to the Heart of Florida United Way 211 Call Center
- **Propose Contract Condition for Substance Abuse Treatment Providers to Register with 211** for the Florida Department of Children and Families substance abuse service contracts and Orange County Government
  - 211 registration process is free for providers
  - Free and confidential service that operates 24/7 for community members when seeking social services

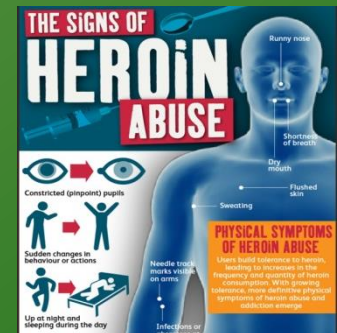
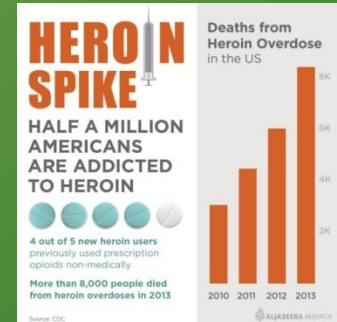




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## Proposed Recommendation:

- **Expand Data Collection to include Treatment Admissions for heroin addicted clients** from public and private providers
  - Number of treatment admissions
  - Utilization of services
  - Need in the community
- **Develop User-Friendly Informational Handouts and Web content** as part of a comprehensive educational strategy on how to access treatment and recovery support services
  - Goal: Combat the stigma, Addiction is a brain disease & Seek treatment



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## Proposed Recommendation:

- **Review Capacity for Transitional Housing and Zoning Guidelines in the Central Florida Area** for individuals coming out of a residential treatment setting in the community
  - Look for opportunities with faith-based organizations regarding transitional or permanent housing models for those in recovery
- **Facilitate an Ad Hoc Committee to “keep the fire burning”** beyond the function of task force through continued commitment to building relationships within the stakeholder community
  - Opportunity for stakeholder to call meeting when confronted by a systemic and/or consumer based issue for processing and strategizing resolutions