



Opioid Coordinator Introduction

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Opioid Coordinator Experience



- **Lake County Health Department & Community Health Center**
 - Substance abuse prevention primary focus
 - Supported Live Well Lake County

- **Kenosha County Public Health**
 - Opioid Fatal Overdose Prevention
 - Maternal and Child Health

- **Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services**
 - Grant and budget management
 - Coordinated community health assessment and community health improvement plan implementation

Opioid Coordinator Priorities



- 1. Coordinate the County's substance use-related activities, including funding, resource development, and service coordination;**
- 2. Develop a process to provide grants for agencies and service providers working on the ground in the community with individuals who use drugs and their families (recommend following a similar format as the HCDC);**
- 3. Based on a gap analysis, identify existing capacity/limitations, and pathways to increase prevention, care and support capacity per the Lake County Opioid Initiative (LCOI) strategic goal;**
- 4. Identify pathways to increase prevention, care, and support capacity countywide; and**
- 5. Enhance deflection and diversion initiatives;**
- 6. Enhance education regarding substance abuse and treatment options.**

Focus Areas and Progress



- **Data--**
 - **Review and clarify existing data**
 - **Identify data gaps and process for resolution**
- **Partnerships--**
 - **Interview work group members**
 - **Attend community meetings**
- **Grantmaking--**
 - **Review settlement documents for guidance on allowable strategies**
 - **Shadow Community Development staff through application review process**

Next Steps



Connect to the regional effort through the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium (NIPHC)



Reconvene internal work group to assess plans of action



Gather national best practices on settlement investment strategies



Build on initial progress



Questions