



Recent and Near-Term Activities of the Grand Forks Call to Action on Addiction and Substance Use Disorder (January 2018)

Background:

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| Feb 2017 | Original Call to Action on Addiction and Opioid Use Disorder at 2017 State of the City |
| Mar | City Council adopts Opioid Crisis Response as official City priority |
| Mar | Community stakeholders convene as a steering core group to discuss how to formulate a community plan (Incl. City, County, UND, Altru, United Way, GF Schools, GFPD, others.) |
| May | Online survey of Grand Forks community conducted; Baselines of understandings created; issues identified and solutions/actions suggested. Steering group recommends 4 committees: Prevention/Education, Intervention/Treatment, Recovery/Support, Data/Communications. Nearly 400 responses submitted; Community Call to Action – Convening held with approximately 300 attendees; GF Public Health applied for Opioid Statewide Targeted Response (STR) Grant. |
| Jun – Aug | Community committees discussed priorities under each of the above categories. |
| Sep | Opioid Statewide Targeted Response (STR) Grant awarded, activities initiated including the hiring of a grant program manager, Michael Dulitz. |
| Sep | ND 1 st Lady’s “Recovery Reinvented” Event kicked off several statewide initiatives and actions focusing on addiction stigma and opioid crisis response. |
| Oct | October 17 Screening of <i>The Anonymous People</i> documentary and panel discussion on celebrating recovery. |
| Sep – Dec | Action from Opioid STR and Prevention Grants initiated; Priorities refined by committees and steering group and first tier action steps recommended. |
| Jan 2018 | Update to City Council and community at large on progress and next steps. |

Upcoming Events:

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| Jan 9 | “The Opioid Epidemic” BCBS Documentary – Empire Arts Center, 6:30 p.m. |
| Jan 12 | Community Strategic Training (CADCA) – Alerus Center 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Feb (TBD) | Business Impact of Opioids Crisis Lunch & Learn (With The Chamber of GF/EGF) |