

# Opiate Use Reduction (OUR) Enterprise

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The Rio Arriba Behavioral Health Investment Zone (OUR Enterprise) seeks to reduce overdose deaths in Rio Arriba County through a short and a long term strategy:

1. Immediately reduce overdose deaths through an intensive outreach, education and narcan distribution campaign targeting highest risk individuals.
2. Improve long-term accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services by forming OUR Network, an accountable health network composed of service providers in Rio Arriba sharing a Health Information Technology, shared case management, and a finance structure that reimburses providers for production of individual health outcomes.

## Narcan Distribution and Education

OUR Enterprise member, Santa Fe Mountain Center, distributed 3,352 doses of Narcan to 1,214 individuals. Their efforts resulted in 62.7 reversals per month or a little over 2 per day. At the same time, OD deaths dropped from 39 deaths in 2014 to 23 in 2015.

Rio Arriba Health and Human Services purchased 260 individual doses of Narcan, which will be given to the Rio Arriba Sheriff's Office, the Española Police Department, and to high risk inmates being released from detention.

A team of filmmakers are producing a series of "mini-mentaries," brief educational videos about topics such as recognizing and stopping an overdose, causes of overdose, medication management for seniors, where to get treatment, and how to get Narcan.

## OUR Network

OUR Network seeks to improve access to services and success rates of treatment by integrating Rio Arriba's hospital, primary care, behavioral health, substance abuse treatment, courts, jail, and other providers into a network charged with: 1) care coordination; 2) quality assurance/evaluation; 3) outcome-based reimbursement. District and magistrate courts are tied into the network, and encouraged to refer for services prior to sentencing. A Medicaid enroller will be placed in the Rio Arriba

County Detention Center no later than September 1, enrolling inmates in Medicaid upon intake and activating it upon release. Staff assigned to the detention center will conduct an assessment to determine needs, risk and motivation levels. Upon being released, inmates at high risk of use or overdose will be referred either to harm reduction or treatment, depending on motivation, through a warm hand-off to the appropriate providers. Once a client becomes a member of the network, a release form will be uploaded, enabling network providers to share information and jointly staff the client. Multi-agency teams of care coordinators will assist the client to meet social needs and transition smoothly between levels of care. Client and coordination success will be tracked and measured based on individual health outcomes. RAHHS is currently negotiating with several MCOs to develop a reimbursement schedule for providers and the network based on outcome production.

## Successes

- We purchase of 232 complete Narcan kits, and met with police and providers to plan distribution through network members.
- We have gotten at least 11 staff members participating in the outreach network through multiple agencies certified as harm prevention specialists, and will be training 3 more in coming months. Santa Fe Recovery has offered to provide us with their data collection system for tracking Narcan doses and to train the outreach network in all aspects of HIPPA, data, etc., that we will need for implementation.
- We met with judges and committed to implementation of a pre-sentencing jail diversion pilot for five referrals from magistrate court and five from district court commencing in August.
- We purchased 40 full use and 40 limited use 27-month licenses for the Pathways Care Coordination System to be distributed among OUR Network members.
- We have trained 45 case managers from at least ten agencies to use the Pathways Care Coordination model.
- Through our Detox Task Force, we have opened 8 beds at Hoy for detox on a case-by-case basis, and hope to meet soon with BHSD to arrange for a detox billing code for Hoy.
- We were recognized by the White House for our efforts to develop a data-based care coordination network and jail diversion model.

- **In addition, our member agency, Santa Fe Mountain Center, distributed 3,352 doses of Narcan to 1,214 individuals in Rio Arriba through a supplemental funding source, resulting in 62.7 reversal per month, or a little over 2 per day. At the same time, the number of overdoses in Rio Arriba appears to have dropped from 39 in 2014 to 23 in 2015.**