

Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee

HIV, STD and Hepatitis Section Activities

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Harm Reduction and Hepatitis Program Support from Tobacco Settlement

	State fiscal year (SFY) 2018	SFY 2019	Request for SFY 2020
Hepatitis Program	\$43,400	\$43,400	\$60,000
Harm Reduction Program	\$249,600	\$249,600	\$383,000
Total	\$293,000	\$293,000	\$443,000

Harm Reduction and Hepatitis Program Support from Tobacco Settlement

Hepatitis
Program

Tobacco settlement funds reflect
9.4% of total contractual dollars.

Harm
Reduction
Program

Tobacco settlement funds reflect
34% of total contractual dollars.

Overall

This support is essential.
The Harm Reduction Program
continues not to have
any federal support.

Hepatitis Program

Select Accomplishments

- Public Health Offices (PHO) and contractual providers delivered the following services.
 - Over 4,600 laboratory tests for hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) were conducted in SF17.
 - Distributed over 4,100 doses of vaccines for hepatitis A and B in SFY16.
 - Innovative Under-30-Surveillance Project in CY16:
 - 1,156 identified cases of hepatitis C in persons under age 30 – most of which are likely very recent infections.
 - 847 were investigated, with 30% contacted for enhanced surveillance and interview
 - All were referred to needed services, including harm reduction sites to prevent passing HCV to others

Harm Reduction Program Accomplishments - Overview

- Statewide Syringe Services Program (SSP) activities are a fundamental and effective means of preventing the spread of HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV).
 - Integrated approach for HIV and rapid HCV testing, including in correctional facilities, harm reduction outreaches, and community settings.
 - HCV rapid testing has been integrated into the HIV counseling, testing and referral services (CTRS) curriculum.
 - The SSP provides an access point for at-risk clients to navigation services into Hepatitis C treatment.
- The SSP provides access to at-risk clients for delivery of overdose prevention education and distribution of Naloxone (Narcan) for opiate overdoses.

Harm Reduction Program

Accomplishments – Syringe Services

- Distributed approximately 8 million new syringes in SFY17.
- Collects 94% to 97% of distributed syringes annually
 - This includes syringes collected in-person during syringe service sessions and syringes collected through community collection “dropboxes”
 - By removing used syringes from circulation, public safety is increased
- The number of clients served is growing quickly.
 - Just over 6,000 in SFY 2013
 - Just over 12,000 in SFY 2018
- Between 84% and 86% of participants reported not sharing syringes.

Harm Reduction Program Accomplishments – Treatment Referrals and Overdose Prevention

- Each year, more than 2/3 of SSP participants (68 – 71%) make one or more attempts to get into other substance use treatment programs. Of these attempts, roughly 1/3 experience barriers or challenges in receiving treatment.
- The overdose prevention program is growing rapidly. In FY 2018 naloxone was distributed during approximately 5,000 overdose prevention educational sessions, almost three times the approximately 1,700 sessions with naloxone distribution in CY 2012.
- There were over 1,630 opioid overdose reversals reported to the program in FY18, more than double the 810 reported in 2016, where the person was “OK” afterwards.