

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) 2016	SFY 2017	Request for SFY 2018
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
11% of total contractual dollars.**

**Harm
Reduction
Program**

**Tobacco settlement funds reflect
34% of total contractual dollars.**

Overall

**This support is essential.
Neither program has any Federal
dollars for contractual services.**

Hepatitis Program Select Accomplishments

- ❖ Public Health Offices (PHO) and contractual providers delivered the following services.
 - Over 7,200 laboratory tests for hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV).
 - Distributed over 4,100 doses of vaccines for hepatitis A and B.
 - Innovative Under-30-Surveillance Project in SFY2016:
 - 763 identified cases of hepatitis C in persons under age 30 – most of which are likely very recent infections.
 - 171 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 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

- ❖ Distributes 6.75 million new syringes per year.
- ❖ Collects 94% to 97% of distributed syringes annually
 - ❖ This does not include syringe collection drop-boxes
 - ❖ By removing used syringes, public safety is increased
- ❖ The number of client served is growing quickly.
 - ❖ 2,817 in SFY 2012
 - ❖ 6,369 in SFY 2013
 - ❖ 6,139 in SFY 2014
 - ❖ 8,334 in SFY 2015
- ❖ Between 84% and 86% of participants report 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 alcohol or other drug treatment programs. Of these attempts, roughly 1/3 experience barriers or challenges in receiving treatment.
- ❖ The overdose prevention program is growing rapidly. The number of persons who were trained and received Naloxone in calendar 2015 was 2,459, an increase of 143% (more than double) over the 1,012 trained in 2011.
- ❖ There were 844 overdose reversals in 2014 and 769 in 2015, where the person was reported “OK” afterwards. This is more than SIX (6) times the figure of 128 reversals in 2011.