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The Problem

“Sector siloing” of information and institutional boundaries

- Key data held hostage within institutions
- Trends, patterns, bad drug batches, areas and populations in need of assistance should be identified and mitigated
- People with SUD often touched by many sectors
- Should be identified for treatment services

The Solution

- Drug Monitoring Initiative created to develop drug intelligence capability to serve both public safety and public health partners
- Formed non-traditional information-sharing partnerships/collaborations:
 - Law enforcement
 - State's Department of Health (DOH)
 - State's Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Sharing vital bio-surveillance and drug demand data indicators

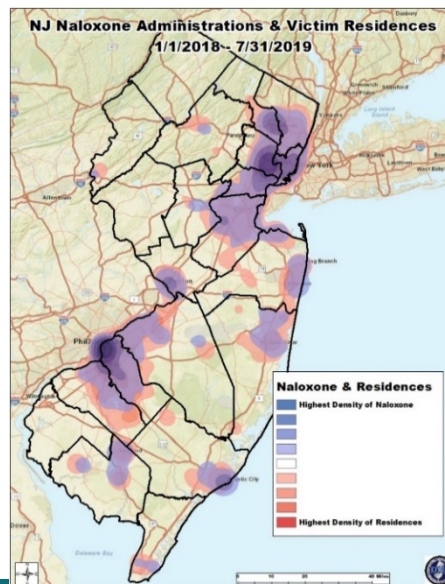
The Solution

- Data Use Agreement with DOH to share **all first responders'** naloxone administration data for more comprehensive/accurate picture of epidemic in state
- For the DHS, Division of Addiction Services, we overlaid “journey to arrest” and treatment services data to show areas of need

Overcoming Pushback

Fostering collaboration and reducing “institutional stigmas”

- Address beliefs/stigma that law enforcement:
 - Is only here to arrest and doesn't understand the problem
 - Should not get involved in a “public health problem”
- Address belief that Public Health partners have no need for law enforcement data



Successes

- Achieved understanding of community drug harms in real-time
- Utilize data to identify and mitigate:
 - Spikes in overdoses
 - Bad drug batches
 - At-risk areas and communities
- Share high-risk area information and “bad batch” alerts with partners:
 - Dept. of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services
 - Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Medical School, Rutgers University

Successes

RWJ Medical School, Rutgers University responded with new program in 2017:

- Community based trainings in the most afflicted areas
 - To date 420 trainings; 7,327 people trained
- Substance use disorder awareness training and free naloxone to attendees
 - To date 7,155 naloxone kits disseminated

Successes

- Be persistent and open-minded; share data and drug intelligence
- Implement comprehensive Drug Monitoring Initiative/Capability
- Identify the data stakeholders that will complement your initiative
- Identify or propose multi-sector working groups

Thank you!

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New Jersey Drug Monitoring Initiative (DMI)

What is the DMI?

The purpose of the Drug Monitoring Initiative is to maintain a multi-jurisdictional drug-incident information sharing environment through the robust collection and analysis of data related to drug seizures, overdoses, related criminal behavior, and associated healthcare data. By leveraging data from multiple sectors, the DMI is able to provide valuable insight into factors outside of traditional law enforcement consideration.

Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) DMI Community

The HSIN DMI community provides a secure-venue for information sharing & collaboration among diverse partners seeking to understand, quantify, and mitigate community drug harms, with a specific focus on the current opioid epidemic.

The HSIN DMI community takes a holistic approach and services five different sub-communities, each with its own subject matter expertise. It allows community drug harm stakeholders to better understand trends, anomalies, implications, and threats associated with illicit drug activity.

COIs: DMI (Access for All), Law Enforcement (vetted LE professionals), Science, Health, Prevention, & Treatment

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Capabilities HSIN Offers:

- ✓ 24/7 Secure Access
- ✓ Discussion Forums
- ✓ Virtual Meeting Spaces
- ✓ Webinar Hosting
- ✓ Document Sharing

DMI COI Key Features:

- ✓ Points of Contact
- ✓ Suspected Heroin Stamp Information
- ✓ Drug Mapping & Analysis Tools
- ✓ Online Training Materials & Resources
- ✓ Training, Conference, & Event Announcements
- ✓ News & Grants Alerts
- ✓ New Drugs & Emerging Drug Trends
- ✓ Best Practices

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Resources

- **NJ CARES:** A realtime dashboard of opioid-related data and information
- **New Jersey State Police**
- **Division of Addiction Psychiatry, RWJ Medical School, Rutgers:** Opioid Overdose Prevention Network provides free trainings and naloxone kits to communities
- **Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN):** System for sharing of information between federal, state, local, territorial, tribal, international and private sector partners