

Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS)  
August 2023 Newsletter



The above graphic and information below are from Penington Institute for International Overdose Awareness Day.

## International Overdose Awareness Day

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died from overdose, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

The IOAD 2023 theme "Recognizing those people who go unseen" is about acknowledging people in our communities who are affected by overdose but might go unseen in the crisis. [Learn more about the 2023 campaign here.](#)

## **CONGRATULATIONS FROM KY SOS**

The Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship Program (KY SOS) is pleased to announce the successful completion of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Opioid Stewardship Certificate. KY SOS has sponsored these pharmacists as they continue their efforts in promoting safe prescribing of opioids in hospitals and clinics across Kentucky.

Congratulations to the following pharmacists:

- **Matthew Oakley, PharmD, MBA, CPHQ** - Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- **Joan B. Haltom, Pharm.D., FKSHP** - Ephraim McDowell Health
- **Angela Sandlin, PharmD, BCPS** - Baptist Health LaGrange
- **Hanna Earich, PharmD, BCPS** - UofL Health - Jewish Hospital
- **Marintha Short, PharmD, BCPS** - Continuing Care Hospital
- **Julie Edwards, PharmD, BCACP** - Robley Rex VA Medical Center
- **Leigh Ann Keeton, PharmD, BCPS** - King's Daughters Medical Center
- **Jacob Lyles, PharmD, RPh** - Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- **Kelsee Crawford, PharmD** – Baptist Health Corbin
- **Janet Fischer, PharmD** – UofL Health – Mary & Elizabeth
- **Laura Stiles, PharmD** – Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital



The Drug Enforcement Agency, jointly with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is issuing a temporary rule to extend certain exceptions granted to existing DEA regulations in March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (COVID-19 PHE), in order to avoid lapses in care for patients.

The full set of telemedicine flexibilities regarding prescription of controlled medications as were in place during the COVID-19 PHE will remain in place through November 11, 2023.

If a patient and a practitioner have established a telemedicine relationship on or before November 11, 2023, the same telemedicine flexibilities that have governed the relationship to that point are permitted until November 11, 2024.

According to the rule, ultimately, there will be a final set of regulations permitting the practice of telemedicine under circumstances that are consistent with public health, safety, and effective controls against diversion.

Read SAMHSA's release [here](#).

Read entire rule [here](#).

## OD2A QUICK NEWS

**OD2A Quick News July 19, 2023**, edition has been published. In this edition are news updates concerning the following and more:

- The results of a cross-sectional study looking at the availability of buprenorphine for treatment of OUD from pharmacies across America has been reported in this edition. The complete article can be read using this link: [Pharmacy Availability of Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in the US | Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology | JAMA Network Open | JAMA Network](#)
- As the opioid settlement funding is distributed to state and local governments to address the opioid epidemic, individuals from KFF Health News, Johns Hopkins University and Shatterproof have compiled a list of the people currently making the tough decisions on where the monies will be spent. The full article can be read using

this link: [Meet the People Deciding How to Spend \\$50 Billion in Opioid Settlement Cash | KFF Health News](#)

- This edition of **OD2A Quick News** offers an article for information about a study showing the cardiac risks of using ibogaine to treat OUD and the personal accounts of individuals having success in recovery by using this product. The complete article can be accessed here: [KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS: Advocates of using psychedelic drug ibogaine to treat addiction say its risks to the heart can be mitigated in a controlled study](#)

To subscribe to **OD2A Quick News**, please click here: [Signup Form \(constantcontactpages.com\)](#)

## **A SURVEY BY OUR PARTNERS FROM THE PURCHASE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

In 2019 the Purchase District Health Department had a survey for community responses/attitudes for SUD/ODU, lots of work has been done by all of our partners in our area to combat stigma, increase Narcan, increase recovery capital, and so many other wonderful things! **Please take and share this survey** to help us understand what our communities have done well and what we can focus on more in the coming years! This survey has been extended and now closes on **August 4<sup>th</sup>**. Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TS68ZL5>

## **APPLY FOR RECOVERY READY COMMUNITIES**

The Recovery Ready Communities Certification Program is designed to provide a quality measure of a city or county's substance use disorder (SUD) recovery efforts. The program offers local officials, recovery advocates, and concerned citizens the opportunity to evaluate their community's current SUD treatment programs and interventions in a framework that is designed to maximize positive public health outcomes among Kentuckians suffering from SUD. To apply: <https://rrcky.org/apply/>

## **KENTUCKY INJURY PREVENTION AND RESEARCH CENTER (KIPRC) HAS NEW OVERDOSE DETECTION MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM (ODMAP) FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

([UK KIPRC](#)) ODMAP is a simple, web-based mapping tool that allows public safety and public health organizations to report and track suspected drug overdose events in near real time so that responses to sudden increases or spikes in overdose events can be mobilized. ODMAP is a free public service from the [Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area](#). For more detailed information about ODMAP, including an overview video and documentation, please visit [www.ODMAP.org](http://www.ODMAP.org).

## **KY HOUSE BILL 353 MAKES FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS NO LONGER CLASSIFIED AS ILLEGAL DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

To read the complete details of KY House Bill

353: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/23rs/hb353.html>

## **2022 KY OVERDOSE FATALITY REPORT**

The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) has published the 2022 results of fatal overdoses in KY. This report provides data from the counties in KY and the substances found through toxicology reports in those overdoses. The data is stratified by age and race. To view the complete report:

<https://odcp.ky.gov/Reports/2022%20Overdose%20Fatality%20Report.pdf>

## **UPDATED REGULATION PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO HOSPITALS ON NALOXONE DISPENSING IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy has issued the updated **201 KAR 2:360**, effective **March 9, 2023**. This regulation includes the requirements for a pharmacy to stock naloxone to an emergency department and, with this update, provides clear guidance on how hospital pharmacies can dispense naloxone to patients from the ED.

Find the full updated regulation here:

[Title 201 Chapter 2 Regulation 360 • Kentucky Administrative Regulations • Legislative Research Commission](#)

These changes now allow hospitals to more easily provide naloxone to patients who present to the ED when the outpatient pharmacy is closed, further reducing barriers to care, and increasing access to a life-saving resource.

## **THE KY NALOXONE COPAY PROGRAM**

For complete details on the KY Naloxone Program which increases access to naloxone for all communities in KY:

<https://www.kphanet.org/copay#:~:text=For%20Naloxone%20Prescriptions%3F-How%20Much%20Does%20The%20Kentucky%20Naloxone%20Copay%20Program%20Pay%20For,their%20third%20party%20prescription%20coverage>

## **NEW DEA EDUCATION REQUIREMENT ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

**June 27, 2023**, the new DEA requirement for training on the treatment and management of patients with OUD/SUD went into effect. Now, a one time, eight-hour training is required for renewal of all DEA-licensed providers and initial medical registrants. This does not apply to veterinarians. For complete details from the DEA, please visit:

[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE\\_training.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html)

## **CONGRESS REMOVES REQUIREMENT FOR DATA-WAIVER (X-WAIVER)**

With the signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, **2023** (Omnibus bill), Congress removed the federal requirement for the DATA waiver, or X-waiver, required for practitioners to prescribe medications for Opioid Use Disorder, such as buprenorphine. In January, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced that effective immediately, all practitioners with a current DEA registration that includes Schedule III authority, may now prescribe buprenorphine for

OAD in their practice, in accordance with applicable state laws. With the removal of the waiver, there are no longer limits on the number of patients a practitioner may treat with buprenorphine, and SAMHSA will no longer accept requests for X-waiver registration. A separate provision of the Omnibus bill addresses new training requirements for prescribers that will go into effect in June 2023. DEA and SAMHSA are working to provide further guidance on these requirements.

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/index.html>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) and the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) are aware of the current changes regarding removal of the X-waiver. More guidance can be found here:

KBN: <https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/advanced-practice-registered-nurse.aspx#xwaiver>

KBML: <https://kbml.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

### **Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) Guidance Regarding Removal of DATA-Waiver (X-Waiver)**

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) has issued the following statement to help clarify practitioners' questions and concerns regarding the removal of the DATA X-Waiver.

- All KBML-licensees, with a valid DEA registration in Kentucky, may prescribe or dispense Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) if they conform to acceptable and prevailing medical practices (KRS 311.595(9) as illustrated by KRS 311.597(4));
- 201 KAR 9:270 sets forth the acceptable and prevailing practices for the prescribing, dispensing and administration of Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and requires that:
  1. The licensee obtains and documents all relevant information in a patient's medical record in a legible manner and in sufficient detail to enable the Board to determine whether the licensee is conforming to standards set forth in the regulation; and
  2. If a licensee is unable to follow the standards set forth in the regulation, the licensee shall document those circumstances in the patient's record and only prescribe, dispense, or administer under the circumstances and in accordance with SAMHSA's TIP Series 63:

- <https://kbml.ky.gov/Documents/SAMHSA%20TIP%2063%20-%20Updated%202020.pdf>
- Each prescriber of Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone shall complete at least twelve (12) hours of continuing medical education certified in Category I specific to addiction medicine for each three (3) year continuing education cycle.

Source:

[https://kbml.ky.gov/Documents/KBML%20Guidance%20Regarding%20%20Removal%20of%20DATA%20-%20Waiver%20\(X-Waiver\).pdf](https://kbml.ky.gov/Documents/KBML%20Guidance%20Regarding%20%20Removal%20of%20DATA%20-%20Waiver%20(X-Waiver).pdf)

## **FDA APPROVES PRESCRIPTION NASAL SPRAY TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSE: NALMEFENE HYDROCHLORIDE**

To read the full FDA news release:

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-prescription-nasal-spray-reverse-opioid-overdose>

## **FIRST OVER THE COUNTER NALOXONE FDA APPROVED**

To read the full FDA news release:

[FDA Approves First Over-the-Counter Naloxone Nasal Spray | FDA](#)

## **MMWR RELEASED REPORT ON THE PRESENCE OF XYLAZINE IN ILLICITLY MANUFACTURED FENTANYL**

To read the complete report, visit:

[Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl–Involved Overdose Deaths with Detected Xylazine — United States, January 2019–June 2022 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Also from the CDC, helpful information about xylazine:

[What You Should Know About Xylazine | Drug Overdose | CDC Injury Center](#)

## **DEA ISSUES A PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT (PSA) ON WIDESPREAD THREAT OF FENTANYL MIXED WITH XYLAZINE**

For the full PSA, follow this link:

[DEA Reports Widespread Threat of Fentanyl Mixed with Xylazine | DEA.gov](#)

## **RESOURCES FROM OUR PARTNER IPRO QUALITY INNOVATION NETWORK-QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION (IPRO QIN-QIO):**

### ***Naloxone Saves Lives***

This patient education document describes what Naloxone is, how it works, why it is offered to individuals with an opioid prescription, and signs of opioid overdose. Also available in Spanish. Visit the following link for the complete document:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-FOw\\_9sLOf4XZuQnqexcx-Lj6K6KFhdj/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-FOw_9sLOf4XZuQnqexcx-Lj6K6KFhdj/view?usp=sharing)

### ***Discharge Medications: Nurse-To-Nurse Warm Handoff Guidance***

This document is intended for use as a guide for nurse-to-nurse verbal communication of medication-related information required for safe patient transfer upon discharge from the sending to receiving facility. Visit the following link for the complete document:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bda9ULwt69mCWC2chYi6vDgGQH8EFWmq/view?usp=sharing>

## **KEY MESSAGES FROM CDC CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE FOR PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS FOR PAIN, 2022**

Find these key messages and other information on CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/resources/partner-toolkits.html>

The CDC hosted a webinar in **November 2022** lead by **Captain Deborah Dowell, MD, MPH**. This Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) webinar was presented for reference on the Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain 2022. The webinar link, recording, and slides can be accessed via:

[https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2022/callinfo\\_111722.asp](https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2022/callinfo_111722.asp)

\*\*The above information was obtained from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Please visit: [Partner Toolkits | Resources | Drug Overdose \(cdc.gov\)](#)

## **DATA UPDATE**

KY SOS continues to encourage all facilities to submit their monthly data into KY Quality Counts (KQC). Please continue to report **monthly** data on both the process and outcomes measures. Education and the future of the program are based in part on the data reported. Areas of improvement and areas of success will be highlighted and emphasized as KY SOS continues. If you need assistance with data input or navigation of the KQC data collection system, please contact **Emily Henderson** ([ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)), **Stacy Allen** ([sallen@kyha.com](mailto:sallen@kyha.com)), **Marilyn Connors** ([mconnors@kyha.com](mailto:mconnors@kyha.com)), **Shanna Jagggers** ([sjagggers@kyha.com](mailto:sjagggers@kyha.com)), **Mary Beth Ecken** ([mecken@kyha.com](mailto:mecken@kyha.com)) or **Melanie Landrum** ([mlandrum@kyha.com](mailto:mlandrum@kyha.com)).

## **CMS APPROVED HRIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

Governor Andy Beshear signed HB 75, updating the Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP) to include Medicaid outpatient care, into law on **March 20, 2023**. In conjunction with the Governor signing the bill, it was announced that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the program for **2023** (both inpatient and outpatient) retroactive to **January 1, 2023**.

**Melanie Landrum, Senior Vice President of Data, Operations and Innovations at KHA**, has been conducting Town Halls to share the details of the updated HRIP Encyclopedia of Measures



(EOM). For questions concerning the 2023 HRIP EOM, please contact Melanie Landrum at [mlandrum@kyha.com](mailto:mlandrum@kyha.com).

## THE HAPPENINGS

**August 31** is International Overdose Awareness Day and **September** is recognized as Recovery Month. What does your hospital or clinic have planned to bring awareness to these upcoming days? Be sure to let the KY SOS team know your plans and we will feature them in the next KY SOS newsletter. We love to share stories and pictures with everyone across KY of efforts being made around opioid stewardship, harm reduction, and recovery.

## PRIMARY CARE CLINIC OUTPATIENT PROGRAM

You are aware of the extensive inpatient work around opioid stewardship since the inception of the KY SOS program, but are you aware the program is growing to include hospital owned primary care clinics? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services approached KHA to expand its bandwidth and provide education and guidance in opioid stewardship to primary care clinics. The suggested program, called Six Building Blocks (6BB), was created by a physician-led multidisciplinary team from the University of Washington Department of Family Medicine and the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute. The 6BB Program is a team-based approach to improving opioid management in primary care. In its entirety, the 6BB Program is a 9-to-12-month commitment for primary care clinics. This program is a “clinic redesign” with goals to consistently treat chronic pain patients on long-term opioid therapy in accordance with evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. Information about the 6BB Program can be found on the website: <https://familymedicine.uw.edu/improvingopioidcare/>.

The Six Building Blocks are as follows:

1. Leadership and Consensus-Demonstrate leadership support and build organization-wide consensus to prioritize more selective and cautious opioid prescribing. Solicit and respond to feedback.
2. Policies, Patient Agreements and Workflows-Revise, align, and implement clinic policies, patient agreements, and workflows for health care team members to improve opioid prescribing and care of patients with chronic pain.
3. Tracking and Monitoring Patient Care-Implement proactive population management before, during, and between clinic visits of all patients on long-term opioid therapy. Develop tracking systems, track patient care.
4. Planned, Patient-Centered Visits-Prepare and plan for the clinic visits of all patients on long-term opioid therapy. Support patient-centered, empathetic communication for care of patients on long-term opioid therapy. Develop, train staff, and implement workflows and tools; develop patient outreach and education.
5. Caring for Patients with Complex Needs-Develop policies and resources to ensure that patients who develop opioid use disorder (OUD) and/or who need mental/behavioral health resources are identified and provided with appropriate care, either in the primary care setting

or by outside referral. Implement assessment tools; identify and connect to resources for complex patients.

6. Measuring Success-Identify milestones and monitor progress. Measure success and continue improving with experience.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) was the first health system in Kentucky to implement this important program. As the pilot health system, the 6BB program is currently in the process of implementation into clinics in the Hazard, Whitesburg, and Prestonsburg areas. After policy and workflow changes have been made in these pilot clinics, work will continue in the remaining ARH primary care clinics. Thank you to ARH for piloting this 6BB program! The goal for this 6BB Program is to be implemented across the state. Clinics are currently being recruited to implement the outpatient work. KY SOS is excited to announce TJ Regional Health has committed to participating in the 6BB program in all 9 clinics. The onboarding and implementation of the program began in February 2023. We are pleased to announce that AdventHealth Manchester has joined the KY SOS outpatient program and will begin onboarding this August. Thank you to ARH, TJ Regional Health, and AdventHealth Manchester for your commitment to safe, consistent, and patient-centered opioid management throughout your primary care clinics.

Ongoing recruitment and education of this program is a priority of the KY SOS program. Reducing opioid overprescribing while improving safe opioid use in inpatient and primary care clinics in Kentucky continues to be the KY SOS mainstay and goal. If your facility has interest in learning more about the 6BB program and implementing, contact Emily Henderson ([ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)), Shanna Jagers ([sjagers@kyha.com](mailto:sjagers@kyha.com)) or Marilyn Connors ([mconnors@kyha.com](mailto:mconnors@kyha.com)) for more information about the KY SOS 6BB program implementation.

## **KY SOS LAUNCHES NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BRIDGE PROGRAM**

The Kentucky Hospital Association and the Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS) program are excited to launch the Emergency Department Bridge program. The ED Bridge program is an expansion of the existing KY SOS program, which focuses on inpatient and outpatient (primary care clinics) opioid stewardship. This expansion will provide even more access to treatment and care for patients across the Commonwealth.

KY SOS announced the launch of this additional program with a webinar on January 26, 2023. You will find the webinar recording and presentation slides on the KY SOS website, under the Education/past presentations tab. Click on this link: [www.kentuckysos.com](http://www.kentuckysos.com).

Please contact Emily Henderson ([ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)), Mary Beth Ecken ([mecken@kyha.com](mailto:mecken@kyha.com)) or Melanie Landrum ([mlandrum@kyha.com](mailto:mlandrum@kyha.com)) if you have questions about the ED Bridge program. KY SOS is looking forward to working together to grow ED Bridge programs across Kentucky.

## **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY COALITIONS**

KHA/KHREF has established 8 regional communities for networking opportunities for providers, beneficiaries, and community stakeholders.

The Community Coalitions bring together individuals and/or organizations who work together to achieve a common purpose for the patient. The coalition will address the needs and concerns of the community and how to best serve the patients within the community. The advantages of the coalition will allow for increased access to resources and improve overall community organization and working relationships.

**The goals of coalition are to work on the following:**

- **Opioid** utilization and misuse
- **Chronic disease** self-management
- Community education to increase influenza, pneumococcal and COVID-19 **vaccination rates.**
- Decrease preventable/avoidable **readmissions.**
- Support care settings with public health emergency plans

**Who should be part of the Community Coalition?**

- Clinician Practices
- Nursing Homes
- Hospitals
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospice Agencies
- Pharmacies
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Community Health Centers
- Senior Housing
- Substance Abuse Recovery Organizations
- Patients and Families
- Faith Based Organizations
- Emergency Responders
- Local Resources such as food banks

**Upcoming Community Coalition Meetings:**

**KY Statewide Community Coalition - 8/24/23 11:00 – 12:00 PM ET (virtual event)**

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Overview
2. Health Literacy – Dr. Iris Feinberg
3. Open Discussion
4. Next Meeting October 2023 – Topic Antibiotic Stewardship and Vaccines

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89740023864?pwd=TitqTGpVbk9LbG9OZmVLSFk4Y0ZYUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 4002 3864

Passcode: 2501

## KY3 Alliance for a Better Community Coalition Meeting – 8/30/23 12:00 – 1:30 PM ET

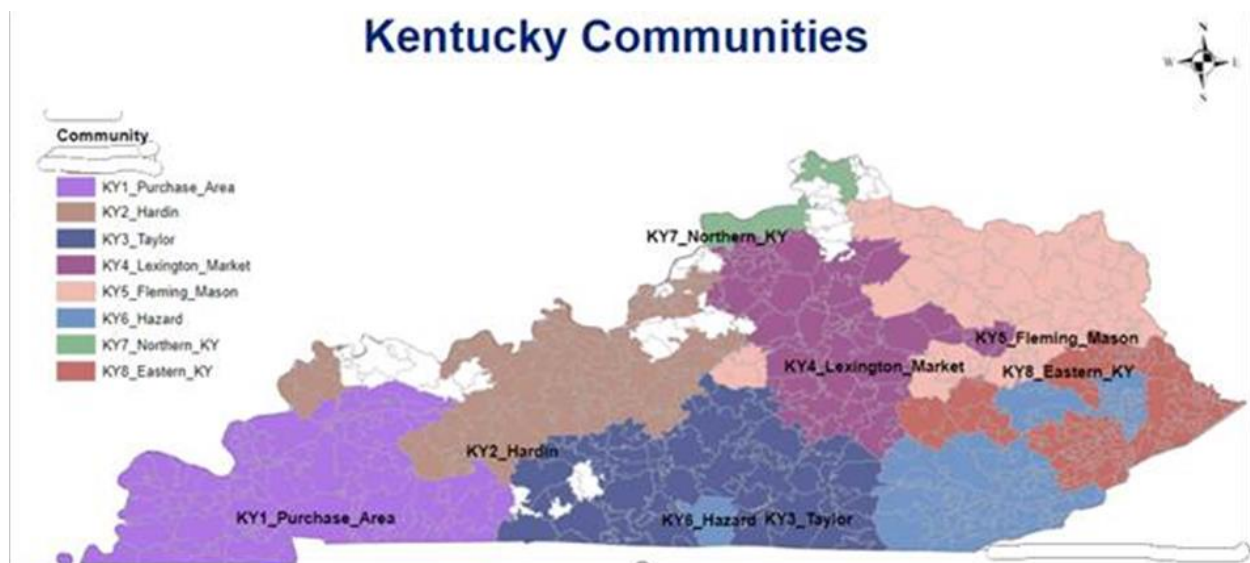
**Location:** Russell County Public Library Community Room

535 North Main Street Jamestown, KY 42629

**Zoom will be available upon request.**

### Agenda:

1. Lunch and Networking Provided by Lifeline
2. Social Determinants of Health
3. Health Equity
4. Open Discussion



## UPCOMING EVENTS/WEBINARS

- **KY SOS August Webinar- Jason Roop, PhD** Executive Director of the Technology Training Center and adjunct Professor of Business Management at Campbellsville University will present for providers of KY on **Starting from Strength: How the Trait-**

**Based Recovery Model is Changing Addiction Treatment.** This webinar is scheduled for **August 16, 2023, 12 PM to 1 PM ET.** Calendar invites have been sent. To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82359497080?pwd=bmVodlVHMHISSGFMUUFJWEIUaVJpUT09>

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Passcode: 2501

- **KY SOS September Webinar- Jill Martin, LPCC** will be presenting Integration of MAT/MOUD in Primary Care on **September 12, 2023, from 11 AM to 12 PM ET.** Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent closer to date.
- **KY SOS September Webinar- Chris Smith** Program Manager, Statewide Overdose Prevention Kentucky Department for Public Health will provide an overview of the various grant funded free naloxone programs throughout the state, introduce the new website for Team KY, and discuss healthcare provider stigma regarding people who use drugs. This webinar is scheduled for **September 26, 2023, from 11 AM to 12 PM ET.** Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent closer to date.
- **KY SOS November Webinar- Jody Jagers, PharmD** Director of Pharmacy Public Health Programs Kentucky Pharmacy Education & Research Foundation will be presenting on the new OTC status of naloxone and the various available products, pricing, and availability of OTC naloxone as well as updates on nasal nalmefene and fentanyl test strip availability, and harm reduction updates in KY. This webinar is scheduled for **November 9, 2023, from noon to 1 PM ET.** Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent closer to date.
- **KY SOS December Webinar- Haley Busch, PharmD, BCPS** Quality Manager and Opioid Stewardship Program Coordinator for CHI Saint Joseph Health. Dr. Busch will present to KY providers on Rapid Micro-Induction Technique of Buprenorphine. The webinar is scheduled on **December 7, 2023, from 12 PM to 1 PM ET.** Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent for this event closer to date.
- **KY-OPEN Overdose Prevention Education Network with Laura C Fanucchi, MD, MPH** have available a webinar with free CE. **A Patient's First Day: Barriers to Treatment, Treatment Initiation Best Practices, and Sample Low-Threshold Clinic**  
To access the webinar: [UK HealthCare CECentral](#)
- **Upcoming MAT Training:**  
**Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, 8:00 AM – 5:15 PM** at Norton Healthcare Learning Center. Click [here](#) for more info. This will cost \$15.00 for non-Norton employees and registration will be required.  
Educational offerings to meet the new DEA educational requirement on SUD/OD  
CME Courses:

AMA Ed Hub link: <https://edhub.ama-assn.org/course/302>

Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) link: <https://pcssnow.org/education-training/sud-core-curriculum/>

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) link: [ASAM eLearning: The ASAM Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Course](#)

Educational offerings from KPhA:



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**Overdose Data to Action CE Webinar Series**  
[kphanet.org/opioids](http://kphanet.org/opioids)

**June 27, 2023**  
The Scoop on "Bupe"

**July 5, 2023**  
No Pain, No Gain: A Review of Non-Opioid Treatments for Painful Conditions

**July 18, 2023**  
Naloxone, Syringes, and Test Strips, Oh My! An Update on Harm Reduction Initiatives in Kentucky

**August 1, 2023**  
Striking Down Stigma for Patients with Pain and Patients with Substance Use Disorder

**August 9, 2023**  
The Take on Tranq - Understanding the Role of Xylazine on Overdose Deaths

**August 23, 2023**  
The Role of Medicinal Marijuana on the Treatment of Pain

**Target audience:** pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists.

**Learning activities will be approved for 1 hour of CPE, CNE, and 1 hour of AMA Category 1 CME. See website for specific objectives and accreditation info for each activity.**

The Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.  
CME and CNE are accredited jointly with the University of Louisville's Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development. The University of Louisville School of Medicine's Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development is accredited with commendation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

Questions?  
Contact Martika:  
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# KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG STUDIES VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

The Kentucky School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies (KSAODS) Virtual Learning Series is an educational resource sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. It offers a range of programs and courses designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide evidence based prevention, treatment, recovery supports, and harm reductions services. KSAODS aims to address the complex issues surrounding substance use and contribute to the development of qualified professionals in the field. The Virtual Learning Series kicks off September 13th and each month following there will be an option to attend one or two virtual trainings on various topics. All sessions will be free to participants and provide free CEUs. Please register now to attend our kick off event in September.



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## Enhancing Harm Reduction Services in Health Departments: Harm Reduction Vending Machines

Overdose and other drug-related harms remain at critical levels among people who use drugs (PWUD) in the U.S., with an estimated 102,842 overdose deaths occurring from July 2021 to June 2022 alone. Harm reduction vending machines (HRVMs) can be a low-maintenance, inexpensive intervention that health departments and community-based organizations can adopt and implement to support PWUD in the communities they serve.

HRVMs can also be a supplement for harm reduction programs to increase access to services and to attract PWUD who may be marginalized from traditional services. To provide detailed considerations for planning and implementing HRVMs, the National Council for Mental Wellbeing – with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – developed [Enhancing Harm Reduction Services in Health Departments: Harm Reduction Vending Machines](#), an educational brief grounded by real-world experience.

Want to learn more? Join our webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1:30-3 p.m. ET to hear the stories of people in the field who have successfully implemented HRVMs in their harm reduction programs.

Presenters include:

- Eliana Duncan, MSc, Consultant with the National Council
- Chelsi Cheatom, Program Manager, Trac-B Exchange
- Shane Sullivan, Community Outreach Specialist, HIPS (Honoring Individual Power and Strength)
- Joe Trotter, Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

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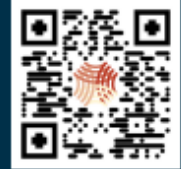
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**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

- **KY SOS July Webinar- Nicole Brummett, PharmD** Director of Pharmacy for The Brook Hospitals KMI and DuPont and **Lisa Deal, PharmD** Senior Vice President of Pharmacy Services at Comprehensive Pharmacy Services in Delaware, presented to KY providers on the topic of mental health in patients dealing with SUD/OD. This webinar may be accessed at: <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Events-Education/Presentations-Recordings>
- **Kentucky Harm Reduction Summit** was held **June 14-15, 2023**. Visit the following link for training tools from the Kentucky Harm Reduction Summit: <https://kiprc.uky.edu/programs/overdose-data-action/training-tools>
- **CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain — United States, 2022** The CDC recently released the long-awaited guidelines for treating pain of the acute, subacute, and chronic states. The newly released guidance from the CDC both updates and is meant to replace the **2016 CDC Opioid Guideline for pain**. For the complete guidance, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/rr/rr7103a1.htm>
- The FDA issued an alert to healthcare professionals concerning the presence of xylazine in illicit drugs. For the complete alert: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-alerts-health-care-professionals-risks-patients-exposed-xylazine-illicit-drugs>

## DID YOU KNOW...?

KY SOS Advisory Committee members will come to your facility or schedule a zoom meeting for technical assistance. This opportunity allows your staff to get specific education on opioid best practices. If you have specific questions, reach out to KHA/KY SOS staff and you will be connected with the appropriate KY SOS Advisory Committee member.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON KY SOS WEBSITE

- Find Help Now KY is a website used to assist individuals in the community find an addiction treatment facility. For more information, visit the website at [www.findhelpnowky.org](http://www.findhelpnowky.org)
- Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) has funded access to treatment and recovery for individuals who have a functional hearing loss and need effective communication. The guidelines can be found on the KY SOS website or click the link to be directed: <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Portals/2/Documents/KOREGuidelinesDeafHardofHearingAccessdoc.pdf>
- A new harm reduction resource for those in recovery. Find Recovery Housing Now KY is a real-time SUD recovery network to help individuals in recovery locate housing. Please visit: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dbhdid/Pages/krhn.aspx>
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Please visit: [Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](http://Lifeline(988lifeline.org))
- All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>



[FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](https://www.findrecoveryhousingnowky.org) is a free near-real-time recovery housing locator and resource library for the state of Kentucky. The website launched on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022**.

FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org allows hospital staff and clinicians to locate available recovery housing openings for patients who are seeking safe and affordable housing that supports their recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). A simple search can be completed within one minute. More than 40 filters are available to help narrow down a search.

FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org also provides a guided search tool for those who are not sure what they are looking for. The tool asks the website searcher a series of questions and provides a list of recovery houses based on the searcher's responses. The online library has resources on how to obtain a driver's license/identification card, health insurance, and food benefits, as well as on various support services. FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org also has materials such as brochures, pocket cards, stickers, and magnets that can be ordered and mailed at no cost.

Much like its sister site [FindHelpNowKY.org](https://www.findhelpnowky.org), a free near-real-time substance use disorder treatment locator, FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org is a linkage to care component for individuals with SUD. [FindHelpNowKY.org](https://www.findhelpnowky.org) launched in 2018 and has more than 700 SUD treatment facilities and over 300 providers listed on the site.

If you have any questions or would like more information on FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org, please email the FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org team at:

[mail@findrecoveryhousingnowky.org](mailto:mail@findrecoveryhousingnowky.org).



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