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NORTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION PROGRAM

State Program/Project: NC OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION PROGRAM

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Federal Authorization: Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Section 243(c)(1), as amended.

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Brief Description of Program:

The Injury and Violence Prevention Branch (IVPB) mission is to promote and protect the health and well-being of all people in North Carolina by preventing injury and violence. In 2019 the Branch was awarded funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to implement the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) cooperative agreement.

The purpose of this funding is to integrate an interdisciplinary and cohesive approach to advance and evaluate comprehensive state-level interventions for preventing prescription drug overuse, misuse, abuse, and overdose, as well as improve the timeliness of fatal and nonfatal opioid overdose surveillance. It builds on previous CDC funding opportunities: Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention for States and Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality. Interventions of priority address drivers of the prescription drug overdose epidemic, particularly the misuse and inappropriate prescribing of opioid pain relievers. Priorities include prevention strategies to improve safe prescribing practices and prevent prescription drug overuse, misuse, abuse, and overdose; as well increasing the timeliness and dissemination of fatal and nonfatal opioid overdose and associated risk factor reporting to key stakeholders. The priority strategies are:

1. Enhance and maximize a state PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program).
2. Implement community or insurer/health system interventions aimed at preventing prescription drug overdose and abuse.
3. Conduct policy evaluations.
4. Develop and implement Rapid Response Projects.
5. Increase the timeliness and dissemination of aggregate fatal and nonfatal opioid overdose and associated risk factor reporting.

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Agencies Funded: Community based organizations, local health departments, and state universities.

Services Provided by Agencies: Federal Funds are to be used for opioid drug overdose prevention and surveillance.

Monitoring: Agencies participate on monthly calls; submit monthly expenditure reports; and mid-term and end of the contract year reports to report expenditures, activities and outcomes to the Program Supervisor.

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State **X** Federal