The Challenge of Opioids in Virginia

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Opioid Addiction: A Public Safety and Public Health Crisis
Creating A Policy Framework

• Harm reduction until treatment is available

• Prevention through tracking and reducing the supply of illegal opiates

• Treatment for those who are addicted
Public Health: 1000+ Opioid Deaths Coming in 2016?

Total Number of Fatal Opioid Overdoses by Quarter and Year of Death, 2007-2016
(‘Total Fatalities’ for 2016 is a Predicted Total for the Entire Year)

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Fatal Overdoses: Rx Opioid-Related vs. Heroin Deaths

Addressing the Opioid Epidemic

In September of 2014, Governor McAuliffe established the Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse

- 32 members worked for over a year to craft over 50 policy recommendations to address the growing opioid and heroin overdose epidemic that was then, and is now, taking the lives of thousands of Virginians.
2015 Legislation – Rescue and Drug Diversion

• Naloxone training made accessible to first responders throughout the Commonwealth
• Pharmacists to dispense naloxone
• Hospices to notify pharmacies of the death of a patient
2015 “Good Samaritan” Overdose Reporting

• If an individual is experiencing an overdose and his or her friends are present to report the incident, the reporting individual is able to assert an affirmative defense if he or she has also consumed or is in possession of illegal substances.
2016 Legislation – Focus on MDs & Treatment

• Requiring opioid dispense reports in 24 hours
• Require review of PMP for all opioid Rx over 14 days
• Create certification for substance abuse peer support services
What’s Next on This Front?

Exec Work Group on Opioids and Addiction

• Partnering with local and regional coalitions to create effective responses to the drug crisis in all regions of Virginia
  – NGA Fentanyl Learning Lab
    • Supporting the Work Group strategic plan through lessons learned in Rhode Island and sister states

• Expansion of drug courts

• Declaration of public health emergency by VDH