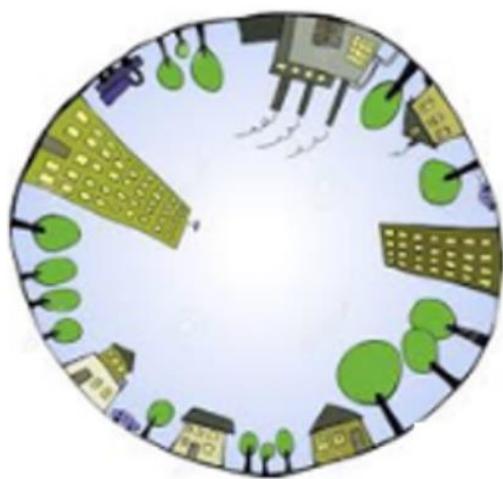


Substance Use Response Ecosystem (SURE) Annual Report 2019



SURE

Executive Summary | Ecosystem Backbone

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The Substance Use Response Ecosystem (SURE) is a collective impact modeled coalition working to reduce deaths, hospital utilizations, and drain on community resources related to substance (mis)use in Pueblo. SURE was created in November 2017 to combat effects of the current opioid epidemic in Pueblo County and prepare the community to address any other substance use crisis that may develop.

SURE is comprised of work groups called pods which are designed to address the entire spectrum of substance use from prevention to recovery. Pods are organized with individuals based on their role and how they engage within the community to address substance use. Comprised of individuals representing various organizations (businesses, non-profits, community coalitions, etc.) and community members, over 20 agencies and organizations are engaged in this collective effort. SURE works to facilitate collective action between pods across the ecosystem to align and integrate efforts to address and combat substance (mis)use in Pueblo.

Major Accomplishments

Increased number of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Providers in Pueblo.

Developed a comprehensive list of MAT Providers given to local information resources.

Provided education on safe use and disposal of prescription opioids for Dental and Medical Providers.

Provided monthly speaker series on topics related to substance use.

Held annual forum featuring a keynote speaker personally impacted by opioid epidemic and panel of peers who are in recovery shared their experience and advice.

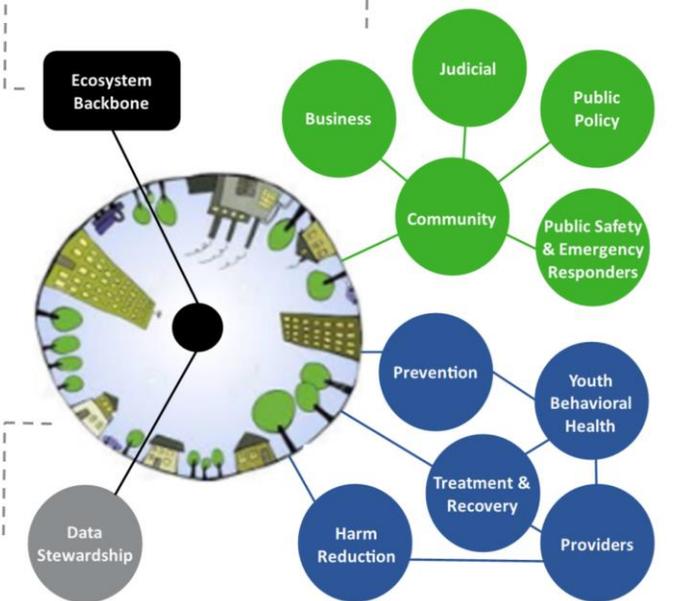
Improved data sharing with local hospitals, behavioral health centers, law enforcement, coroner, and syringe access programs.

Continued involvement with the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD®) Program.

Acquired funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program Partnerships to Support Data-driven Responses to Emerging Drug Threats to enhance current efforts and develop near real-time data collection and responses.

Increased access to Narcan and Narcan friendly pharmacies.

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Crossroads' Turning Points
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Providers

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Pod Highlights

Community

Continued maintenance of Community Resource Guide and creation of training video for frontline staff members that interact with public on use of the guide.

Distributed monthly newsletter of SURE events, SURE partner events, and community events surrounding substance use and behavioral health.

Harm Reduction

Surveyed voluntary needle exchange participants regarding individual transitions to illicit opioid use.

Provided access to free Narcan and training on Narcan use.

Distributed fentanyl test strips and tracked fentanyl data.

Judicial

Is working to enhance overall coordination between pre-trial services, jail, probation, and community re-entry programs to assist those affected by substance use.

Working to streamline MAT service within jail system to prevent gaps and cover inmates from pre-sentenced population to those leaving the system via re-entry services.

Prevention

Promoted volunteerism as a preventative measure.

Provided Dental and Medical Provider outreach regarding safe prescribing practices, using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and addiction prevention.

Provided safe use education, storage, and disposal education to the public.

Provided successful educational forums on cannabis and peer recovery.

Providers

Increased number of MAT Providers in Pueblo, successfully creating a surplus of available treatment slots.

Led effort to begin MAT administration at local hospital emergency department.

Offered ongoing in-service education regarding addiction, harm reduction, and substance use.

Public Policy

Included City Council and County Commissioners in discussion of substance use.

Continued implementation of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD®) Program.

Provided complex case management to LEAD® clients in a harm reduction framework.

Public Safety and Emergency Responders

Continued development of Directing Others To Services (DOTS) Program with a team of firefighters and care coordinators that visit high utilizers of emergency services and hospital services and directed them to other appropriate community resources.

Treatment and Recovery

Created a unified community and resource sharing opportunity between treatment providers.

Shared updates between agencies and advice on best practices and upcoming issues.

Created a think-tank for treatment providers to assist in solving emerging issues.

Youth

Continued development of clinical care pathway, a tool for navigating youth behavioral health care.

Organized education presentations for students about physical and psychological effects of substance use and addiction in conjunction with Provider Pod.