

Engaging Lived Experience:

Examining Policy, Practices, and Programs



Reno County Kansas

Population 63,000

Home to the Salt Mines

Cosmosphere

Kansas State Fair

Hutchinson Community College





Community Culture



2019 Reno County Needs

112 opioid
prescriptions per 100
people

No medication-
assisted treatment
(MAT)/ medication for
opioid use disorder
(MOUD) providers

No social/med detox
or inpatient options

County correctional
facility used as detox

Increase in crisis calls
to law enforcement
for substance use
disorder and mental
health/no where to go

Lack of local
overdose data
/transparency/trust

Access to naloxone
and stigma
associated with
naloxone

**So, Why Lived
Experience?**



Internal Policy Change



A Shift in the Work

Increased naloxone access through partner orgs. HR Coalition (PWLE) (PWUD) (PWID)

Drug Impact Task force name change to Reno Recovery Collaborative

Recovery as a process, not a destination... MOUD, Multiple paths

Public overdose dashboard

Spike alerts and process

Reno County Overdose Dashboard



Press Releases/ Spike Alert Framework



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Press Release

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HEALTH ALERT: FOUR RENO COUNTY OVERDOSE FATALITIES

Reno County, Kan. – March 18, 2022 – There have been four overdose fatalities in Reno County over the past seven days. Three of the overdoses are suspected to be fentanyl related. Fentanyl is mixed in with other substances including methamphetamine, heroin, and fake pills. Two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal depending on a person's body size, tolerance, and past usage.

The Reno Recovery Collaborative recommends the following steps and strategies for our community:

- Encourage members of our community who use substances to never use alone. The majority of the fatalities were individuals using alone and might have been prevented if assistance was nearby.
- Check in on friends or family regularly that use substances
- Naloxone (Narcan) education, training, and availability <https://www.dccca.org/naloxone-program/>
- Encourage more people to carry naloxone (Narcan)

The Reno County Health Department has been collecting data of suspected overdoses and issuing alerts since October 2020. The dashboard can be found here: <https://arog.is/Ki9QX>.

For more local information, education, and specific activities on substance misuse, or if you want to get involved in the Reno Recovery Collaborative, please contact Seth Dewey at seth.dewey@renogov.org.

State and National Treatment Resources:

Find a treatment facility: <https://findtreatment.gov/>

National treatment line: [1-800-862-4357](tel:1-800-862-4357)

Kansas Substance Use Disorder Treatment Referral line: 1-866-645-8216

Reno County Resources:

Hutchinson Narcan Resource: <https://hutchinsonnarcan.8b.io/>

Crossover Recovery: 620-669-9024

SACK Detox Unit: 620-259-2063

Mirror: 620-665-7750

Breakthru: 620-218-0636

Recovery Response Team: 620-663-7595

Crisis Line: 1-800-794-0163

Reno ASAP Alcohol and Drug Services- 620-665-8446

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Then and now

2019 Needs

- 112 opioid prescriptions per 100
- No MOUD providers
- No detox or inpatient facility
- No medical detox
- Lack of clear communication and data about local overdoses
- Access to naloxone (Narcan)

Current

- 80 opioid prescriptions per 100 people
- 2 MOUD providers
- Social detox and inpatient treatment
- Medical detox services
- Implemented ODMAP and public messaging and spike alerts
- Increased access to naloxone, trainings, and overdose recognition

Takeaways



Invest in people who have a passion for what they do



Follow the needs...



Lead with authenticity and transparency



Reach out for technical assistance



Be firm with where we want to go but flexible with how we want to get there

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