

REGIONAL JUDICIAL
OPIOID INITIATIVE

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THE MAKING OF RJOI

- A regional Summit of nine states was convened in August of 2016 in Cincinnati, OH. Over 150 attendees representing Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and national partners met to discuss the impact of the opioid epidemic on the region.
- During the Opening Summit, attendees developed a regional action plan. This plan contemplated the formation of a series of action groups to carry out the priorities of the RJOI.
- Six states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee) signed the RJOI Charter in March of 2017 and North Carolina joined in May.

RJOI MEMBERS

- Representatives from a cross-section of all three branches of state and local governments, along with partners in the private sector and the federal government.
- RJOI stakeholders are comprised of chief justices, state court administrators, judges, executive branch leaders, legislators, behavioral health treatment providers, community supervision agencies, medical experts, PDMP managers, regulatory agencies, child welfare representatives along with numerous others.

THE STRUCTURE OF RJOI

- Leadership Committee
- Capacity and Continuity Action Group
- Data Action Group
- Executive Committee

THE STRUCTURE OF RJOI

Leadership Committee

- The Leadership Committee is responsible for creating the organizational and decision making structure needed to form a viable regional initiative. It will consider proposed revisions to the action plan narrative. The Leadership Committee will also develop and approve the overall budget and secure necessary resources. This committee is responsible for ensuring all participating states and national partners remain engaged. Comprised of the Chief Justices and State Court Administrators of the seven RJOI states.

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Capacity & Continuity Action Group

- The Capacity and Continuity Action Group focuses on how the full range of treatment necessary to rehabilitate those suffering from an opioid use disorder can be reasonably delivered in conjunction with the criminal justice and child welfare systems and to articulate a set of regional standards of care for individuals and families that have entered the criminal justice & child welfare systems suffering from an opioid use disorder.

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Data Action Group

- The Data Group focuses on how individual and de-identified data is most effectively collected, shared and analyzed in a consistent and timely manner within and between states in the region. This will include information regarding drug overdose, neonatal abstinence syndrome and opioid prescribing that supports individual monitoring, effective forecasting and policy development.

THE STRUCTURE OF RJOI

Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee ensures communication and coordination across the components and projects of RJOI.
- Members: Chair(s) of the Leadership Committee, Capacity & Continuity and Data Action Groups
- NCSC Staff Support: Michelle White, RJOI Executive Director

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Data Projects (Current)

- Create a regional PDMP reciprocity status document.
- Share identifiable data sets via a "trusted broker" process or other means. (Pilot involving KY and TN in progress.)
- Share de-identified data sets that are comparable ("apples to apples"). (Pilot in KY, OH, IN and TN in progress.)
- Assess Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) birth rates and implement data driven and evidence based approaches to reducing the incidence of NAS.

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Data Projects (Planned)

- Each state will need to assess what steps including legal and administrative changes would be needed to expand access within states to PDMP and allow all persons that can query PDMP in one state access to query PDMP in any state in the region.
- Pilot – 2 states share PDMP data with law enforcement.
- Pilot – at least 2 states utilizing syndromic surveillance across state lines to share information with law enforcement and other criminal justice and public health partners to rapidly identify outbreaks and to direct intervention and suppression efforts.

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Data Projects (Planned)

- Pilot-a single state document the process to create a flag in PDMP for current or former enrollment in a drug court.
- Create data maps to identify "hot spots ".
- Pilot-at least two states establish fatality review teams for opioid-related overdose deaths that includes data from both states. Where decedents were residents of another state and/or had prescriptions/providers in multiple states possibly to be used to establish predictive risk modeling.

QUESTIONS?

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