

# Health and Human Services Interim Committee

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# Using Utah's Naloxone Access Laws to Save Lives and Empower Communities

- Success requires the ability to get kits directly to at risk individuals
  - Partnering with local community organizations and entities as well as individuals embedded in communities
    - Provides local points of access
    - Strategic targeting
    - Methods of reaching those at risk
- Atypical strategies are needed to reach those outside of the usual public health and health care settings
  - Forming relationships with concerned individuals and agencies in their localities (often not public health or medical)
  - Ensuring training and competence in those acting as Overdose Outreach Providers (OOPs)
  - Sometimes you only get one chance to teach someone how to do this right
- Teaching people to do “medical” things has been successful coming from a medical background
  - Empower them to do medical things
  - Medical oversight is valuable

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- Currently Utah Naloxone has 39 overdose “Outreach Provider Points of access throughout the state (19 counties)
  - These are not Law Enforcement, local health departments, or pharmacies
  - These are individuals, community based organizations, or tribal entities
  - Some points with multiple individuals, some with just one
  - Reversals have been reported from 8 counties (that we know of)

# Our First 16 Months

- Over 4,000 free naloxone rescue kits distributed
  - 166 lives saved via overdose reversal with these kits (as of 11/15/16)
  - reversals reported by parents, spouses, friends, law enforcement, even strangers
- 15 law enforcement agencies statewide trained and equipped (actually carrying and saving lives)
  - lives saved within 24 hours in 2 of the agencies
  - 23 law enforcement saves/reversals in the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months
- Trainings provided statewide in over 100 settings
  - Example from 11/15/16
- Launch of statewide awareness campaign and billboards



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