Population Health Driver Diagram to Combat the Opioid Crisis
Developed by State and Territorial Health Officials – December 7, 2017

This driver diagram represents the collective thoughts of over 30 state and territorial health officials participating in a 90-minute workshop in 6 breakout groups where they brainstormed the goals and drivers for combating the opioid crisis.

**AIM STATEMENT**
Engage statewide stakeholders through an action-oriented coalition to reduce the opioid problem

**Goals**
- Decrease opioid death rate
- Decrease over-prescribing
- Decrease usage of heroin and other narcotics
- Prevent addiction
- Increase recovery support counselors
- Improve healthcare access
- Increase substitutions and alternative treatments
- Decrease pharmaceutical industry advertising
- Increase overdose reversals
- Reduce stigma

**PRIMARY DRIVERS**

- Patient and Prescriber Education
- Appropriate Rx
- Treatment Availability and Uptake
- Social Determinants of Health

**SECONDARY DRIVERS**

- Safe drug disposal – drug take back
- Non-opioid pain management
- Educate kids about drugs – youth awareness
- Prescriber education – reasonable patient expectations
- Improve counseling
- Improve public awareness
- Medical Board oversight
- Use of PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program) policies
- Improve payer reimbursement
- Improve screening
- Institute more Project ECHO
- Develop Rx rules
- Fund more MAT (medication-assisted treatment)
- Increase faith-based programs
- Integrate into EHRs (electronic health records)
- Improve Narcan (naloxone) availability
- Adopt/increase home visits
- Improve mental health care
- Assure safe and affordable housing
- Create economic opportunities
- Foster social cohesion
- Improve education
- Build community resilience

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