

Actionable Issues from RCORP Policy Forum

- Addressing community, systemic, and personal stigma
 - “How oppressive the word ‘clean’ can be” (stigma of clean vs dirty, born addicted)
 - Diplomatic stigma reduction tactics
 - Stigma reduction for former tobacco & coal communities (“part of the problem”)
 - Address issue of pharmacies refusing to fill buprenorphine: stigma training in Rx schools
 - Accentuate positive outcomes
- Revising TN Good Samaritan Law
 - Non-prosecution (or similar agreements) for Good Samaritan Laws
 - Informal vs formal non-prosecution agreements
 - Pre-arrest deflection model
- Removing location restrictions around harm reduction (state) and MOUD programs (local)
 - Increase awareness of harm reduction data
 - Address language about syringe service programs and legality of paraphernalia
 - May limit available transportation if not around frequented spots
 - Allow state funds for SSPs
- Community Development Block Grant
 - Expanding TN Rehabilitation Centers to cover isolated regions – using public lands for purpose-built facilities
 - Lack of mental health treatment/providers in rural areas
- Mental health/substance abuse workforce bolstering
 - Allow NP full-practice authority
 - Programs in EDs
 - Move off single-provider model: allow LMSWs to provide BH services
 - Increase compensation
- Criminal Justice
 - End cash bail limits
 - Re-instate health insurance at release
 - Provide naloxone