



**Mayor Jacobs Prescription Drug Task Force  
Healthcare & Pharmacy Subcommittee Proposed Recommendations  
\*\*Revised \*\***

Recommendation: Increase Healthcare Provider Education (Misuse and Abuse of Prescription Drugs – In-person training & Webinars) for the following groups:

- Florida Academy of Family Physicians
- Florida Medical Association
- General Practitioner Society
- Emergency Physicians
- Florida Board of Pharmacy
- Florida Retail Federation
- Florida Pharmacy Association
- UCF College of Medicine
- Dentists
- Podiatry
- Orthopedic
- OBGYN
- Pediatrics
- Florida Realtors
- Florida Society of Addiction Medicine
- Florida Osteopathic Medicine
- Florida Independent Pharmacy Network
- Community Health Centers
- Florida Society of Interventional Pain Medicine
- Florida State University
- University of Florida
- Nova
- Veterans Administration
- Review best practices and current training curriculum
- Explore training opportunities with UCF College of Medicine and Florida Hospital and Orlando Health Residency Programs.
- Work with the Pharmacy Education Association on training
- On-line training for physicians with Florida Medical Association and hospitals to support training; one time completion and two years to complete.

Recommendation: Increase Prescription Drug Education & Awareness for Drug Retail Industry and Independent/Community Pharmacies

- Review best practices and current training curriculum
- Develop Prescription Drug Pharmacy Toolkit

Recommendation: Include prescription drug education information in Florida Rules and Laws and the Board of Pharmacy

Recommendation: Increase Prescription Drug Education - Drug Free Workplace

- Educate workforce on dangers of prescription drug misuse and non-medical use
- Work with local legislators on policy – drug screening to include opioids

Recommendation: Increase training for law enforcement, CIT, prevention and treatment professionals on trends, non-medical use and misuse of prescription drugs

Recommendation: Establish means of sharing information on Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse data (analysis and quarterly summary reports). Data sources to include:

- Emergency Room Visits/Admissions
- Medical Examiner's (semi-annual report)
- Urgent Care Centers
- Treatment Centers
- Drug Addicted Babies (DCF)
- Law Enforcement
- Poison Control Center
- Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (bi-annual report)
- CORE Survey (annual report)

Recommendation: Develop strategic plan to increase Prescription Drug Education & Awareness on non-medical use and misuse of prescription drugs. Develop materials, webinars and trainings targeted to specific sectors to include but not limited to:

- Parents
  - Seniors (Seniors First)
  - Schools (Secondary/Higher Educ.)
  - Youth/Young Adults
  - Community-Based Agencies
  - Providers
  - Campus Health Professionals
  - Community
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- Work with community partners, County ISS and Orange TV on advertisement of availability of prescription drug education webinars and materials for specific audiences.
  - Provide educational/campaign materials and programs that encourage parents and seniors to keep track of the prescription medications in their medicine cabinets (Lock Your Meds Campaign)
  - Work with area pharmacists to speak in classrooms in secondary and higher education on prescription drug abuse and misuse
  - Provide information on the serious legal consequences of holding/possession of controlled substances that are not prescribed to you

Recommendation: Develop an evidence-based Prescription Drug Public Awareness Campaign (billboard, radio, theatre, Orange TV, schools, library, parks, etc.)

- National Family Partnership – Lock Your Meds
  - Multi-media campaign designed to reduce prescription drug abuse

- Advertisements
- Posters
- Educational Materials
- Home Medicine Inventory Card

Recommendation: Promote and advertise Prescription Take Back Days in the community to increase proper disposal of unused and unwanted prescription medications

- Work with DEA, state and local law enforcement, hospitals, pharmacies, schools, government, community-based agencies and print and electronic media to increase awareness and participation during prescription take back days
- Increase community education, awareness and promotion of guidelines for proper disposal of unused and unwanted medications
- Schedule prescription take back days on a regular basis with law enforcement and community partners

Recommendation: Beta test the CDSS tool for the management of opioid therapy on patients with chronic non-cancer pain in Orange County

- Background: A proposed clinical decision support system (CDSS) that assists primary care physicians with management of opioid therapy for patients with chronic non-cancer pain. The CDSS will provide a backbone of required processes to support effective opioid therapy while providing enough management tools to safeguard against abuse or diversion.