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WHI Member Survey



Share your experiences!

On Friday, February 19, all WHI members received an email with an individualized link to take the first-ever WHI member survey. This survey takes approximately five minutes to complete, and will provide information to the WHI leadership to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the WHI, and identify opportunities to better serve WHI stakeholders, and our community.

Please complete the survey by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1**.

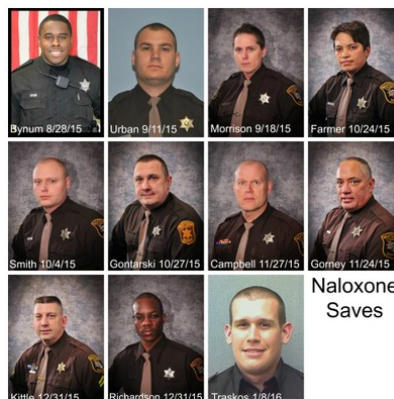
Thank you to each person who already completed his/her survey!

Please contact [Carrie Rheingans](#), WHI Project Manager, if you did not receive your survey link.

WHI News

Opioid Project - Eleven Lives Saved by WCSO Deputies Administering Naloxone

The Washtenaw County Sheriffs Office (WCSO) released an [article](#) reporting that WCSO deputies have saved the lives of 11 people with Naloxone in the less than five months since deputies began carrying it in their duty bags at all times.



Naloxone Saves

The WHI Opioid Project group played a significant role in developing the standard of deputies carrying Naloxone with them at all times - and the impact is impressive (see data article below). The WCSO article cites two more lives saved per month across the community as a result of the training deputies received in administering Naloxone to an individual suspected to be overdosing. Deputy training was provided by the [Washtenaw County Public Health Department](#), with funds for the Naloxone kits provided by the [Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan](#).

With the impact of this new training already observable, deputies are grateful to have access to a tool that can save lives. Holly Farmer, the fifth deputy to administer Naloxone, states, "All I can say is that I am happy to help anyone and we have been given an opportunity to potentially save lives with Naloxone. Naloxone is a great tool in our bag . . . if it saves someone and it gives them a chance to re-evaluate their life to make a change, then that's great."

Find the full article and more information on the [Sheriff's Office website](#).

Other News

[Washtenaw County Public Health Opioid](#)

Quick Links



- [WHI Website](#)
- [WHI Member Portal](#)
- [WHI Steering Committee Meeting Key Actions](#)
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Upcoming Member Meetings & Other Events

February

29 - Community Coordination & Dental Services Work Group Meeting (3-4:30pm, CHRT)

March

2 - Washtenaw County Community Forum for Older Adult & Caregiver Services (9:30-11 AM, Pittsfield Twp. Senior Center)

8 - Steering Committee (8:30-10am, CHRT)

10 - UNITE Phone Meeting (3-4pm)

14 - WHI Stakeholder Meeting (10-12pm, Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Bldg. Rm 101)

15 - Opioid Project (11-12:30pm, 705 Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor)

18 - Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Work Group Meeting (3-4:30pm)

24 - UNITE In-Person Meeting (3-4pm, CHRT)

29 - Primary Care and Safety Net Work Group (1-2:30pm, CHRT)

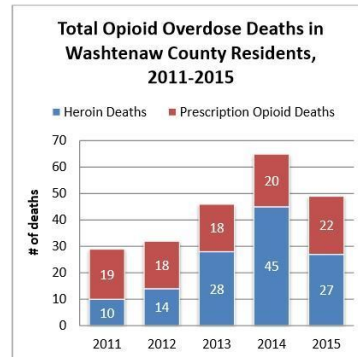
April

7 - UNITE Phone Meeting (3-4pm)

11 - Medicaid & Marketplace Outreach & Enrollment Work

Report: data shows decrease in opioid overdose deaths

Washtenaw County Public Health (WCPH) released their [bi-monthly Opioid Report for February 2016](#). This report demonstrates an 11% decrease in unintentional opioid overdose-related Emergency Department admissions and a 24% decrease in opioid overdose-related deaths between 2014 - 2015.



Source: Washtenaw County Medical Examiner and Washtenaw County Public Health - Updated February 2016

Washtenaw County Public Health data shows first decrease in opioid overdose deaths in five years

The report also notes an increase in infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS, symptoms in babies addicted to opioids but no longer receiving a dose from their mother) in Washtenaw County, with 13 infants born with NAS in 2014, and 23 infants born with NAS in 2015.

Included in the report is a shift in coding systems that took place nationally in October of 2015. Both major health systems are now using the Required International Classification of Disease - Tenth Addition (ICD-10) Coding System. This system allows for more specificity in coding for intent, sequelae, and subsequent and initial encounters or circumstances around opioid use.

Sign up to receive the bi-monthly report - delivered right to your inbox - by visiting the [WCPH Opioid Report page](#) or [contacting](#) Adreanne Waller, WCPH epidemiologist.

2016 Washtenaw County Community Forum for Older Adult & Caregiver Services

Have a Voice in Senior Services in Your Community

Join Us For a Community Forum



**Washtenaw County Residents:
Pittsfield Twp. Senior Center--March 2--9:30 to 11 a.m.**

The [Area Agency on Aging 1-B](#), in partnership with the [Washtenaw Blueprint for Aging](#), is hosting a Community Forum for Older Adult & Caregiver Services. WHI members serving seniors are encouraged to attend!

**Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016
9:30 - 11:00 AM**

**Pittsfield Township Senior Center
[701 W. Ellsworth Rd. Ann Arbor](#)**

Group Meeting (10-11:30am, United Way)

12 - Steering Committee (8:30-10am, CHRT)

12 - Finance Committee (10-11am, CHRT)

15 - Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Work Group Meeting (3 - 4:30)

19 - Opioid Project (11-12:30pm, 705 Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor)

21 - UNITE phone Meeting (3-4pm, CHRT)

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Share your story ideas for the WHI newsletter with Carrie at (734) 998-7567 or crheinga@umich.edu

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About the Washtenaw Health Initiative

The [Washtenaw Health Initiative](#) is a voluntary, county-wide collaboration focused on how to improve access to coordinated care for the low-income, uninsured, and Medicaid populations. The effort includes representatives from the University of Michigan Health System, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, health plans, county government, community services, physicians, and safety net providers.

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