

Benchmark Activity 9.1: The local health department shall publish and disseminate data and information on current local health issues to the general public, community partners, and elected and appointed officials.

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: August 4, 2016

Agenda Item Subject: Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Cindy Haynes, Dr. Arlene Sena

Purpose: Action
 X Information only
 Information with possible action

Objectives: To provide the BOH with current data on opioid overdoses in Durham County and the distribution of naloxone kits.

Summary Information:

Unintentional deaths due to opioid overdoses, including prescription drugs, have increased by 218% over the last decade in North Carolina. In response, Governor McCrory signed Senate Bill 734 in June of 2016, making naloxone available via a standing order through the state’s health director. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist and works by reversing opioid overdoses. The Durham County pharmacy has kits available and standing orders in place. Project Lazarus, a community based program, is also working to increase Naloxone education and distribution.

This year, DCoDPH hosted the third Operation Medication Drop in collaboration with the DCo Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office is also working toward creating policy to allow deputies to carry and use naloxone when indicated.

Recommended Action: Approve
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 Approve & forward to _____
 X Accept as information
 Revise & schedule for future action