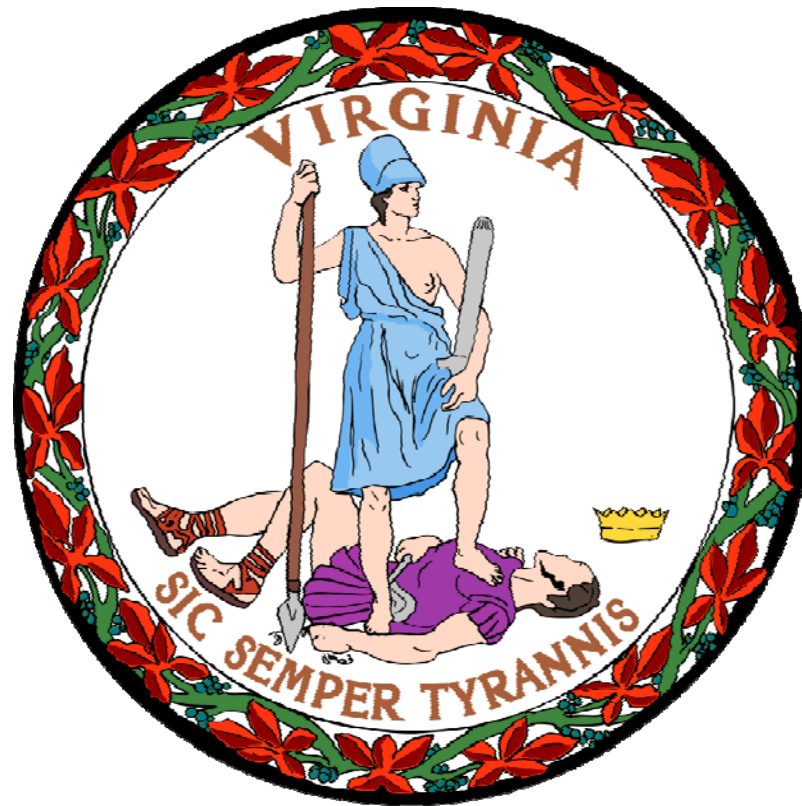




Governor's Taskforce on Prescription Drug & Heroin Abuse



Enforcement Workgroup Recommendations

December 16, 2014



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Task: *Identify and promote evidence-based best practices and strategies across the criminal justice system to address public safety risks and treatment needs of individuals with opioid addiction, training in the use of life saving interventions, expanded alternatives to incarceration, including drug courts, and cross-system collaboration to improve access to and the availability of treatment.*



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- 1) Evidence Based Practices (EBP)
 - a) Use EBP to identify successful alternatives to incarceration

 - b) No EBP was identified as applicable to law enforcement efforts to combat the prescription and heroin abuse epidemic.



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- 2) Enforcement
 - a) Amend the Code of Virginia to allow prosecution of dealers who cause fatal overdoses
 - b) Consider enhanced punishment for dealers who cause fatal overdoses
 - c) Ensure legislative amendments apply to all illegal controlled substances





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3) Naloxone

a) Access should be expanded to include all first responders as an optional, not mandatory, resource

b) Immunity should be granted to first responders opting to use Naloxone



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- 4) Incarceration Alternatives
 - a) Evidence Based Practices (EBP) should be use to provide the criminal justice system with alternatives to incarceration for all drug abusers (non-dealers)

 - b) EBP can be used at various points in the system: pre-arrest; post-arrest; pre-conviction; and post-conviction



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- 4) Cross-system Collaboration
 - a) Mandatory reporting of overdoses to a non-law enforcement agency, with limited access

 - b) Cross-system multi-disciplinary training



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Legislative Items:

- Prosecution for dealers who cause fatal overdoses
- First responder access to Naloxone
 - Optional use
 - Immunity



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Workgroup Referrals:

- Education
 - Multi-disciplinary training and education
- Treatment
 - Use Evidence Based Practices to identify alternatives to incarceration
 - Identify entry points for treatment into the criminal justice system



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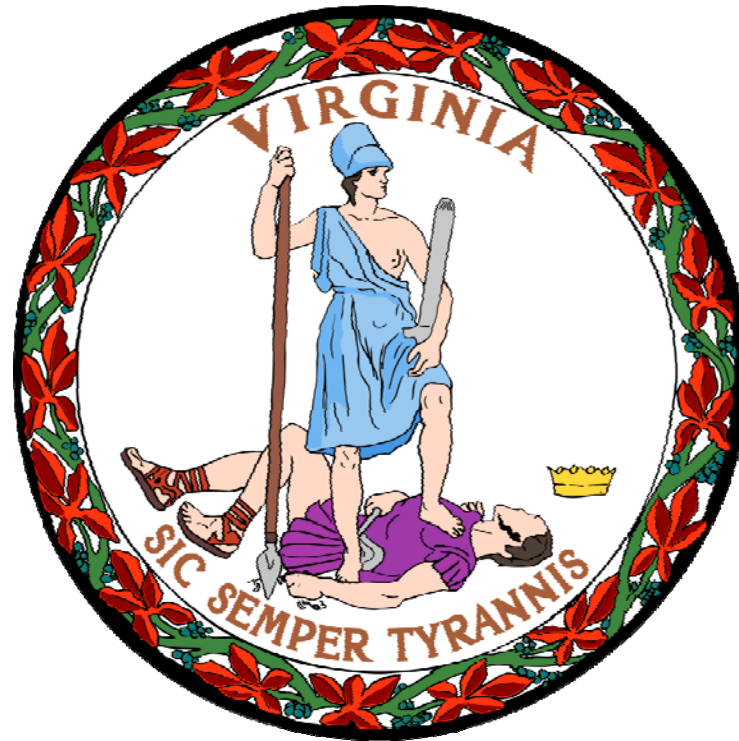
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