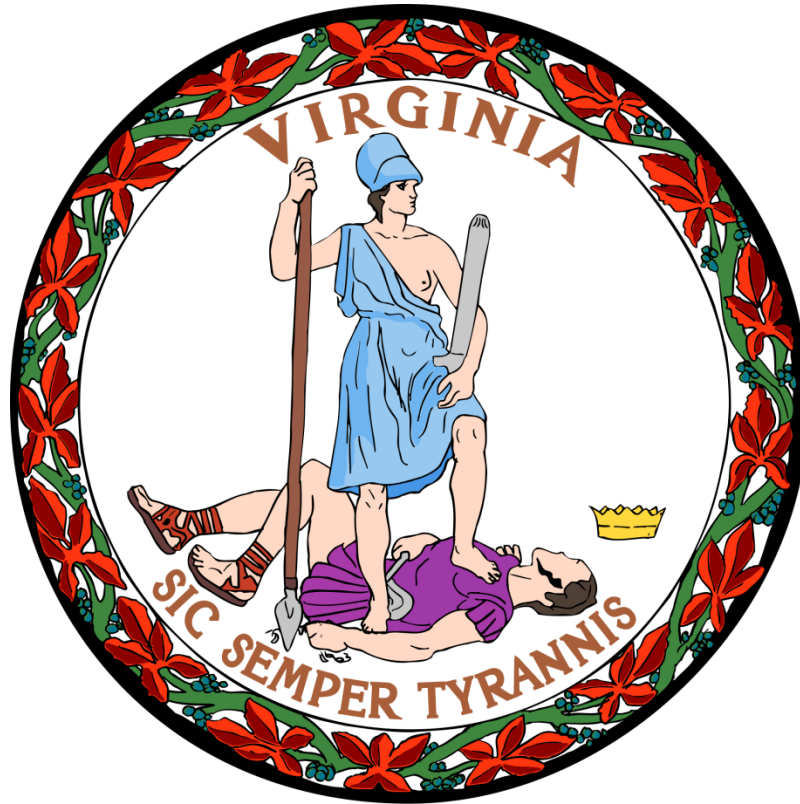




Governor's Taskforce on Prescription Drug & Heroin Abuse



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Recommendations

May 12, 2015

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Task: “To advance effective solutions that lead to safe storage and proper disposal of potentially dangerous prescription drugs.”



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Completed Recommendations

1. f. Review and update the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) "Take Back Event" document
- g. Explore the feasibility of mobile incinerators



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Completed Recommendations

3. Determine State's need to promulgate rules regarding pharmacy collection and mail back program via legal guidance



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Completed Recommendations

2015 Legislative item:

- Require Hospice to notify pharmacies about the death of a patient.



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Accepted Recommendations

1. To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events held within the community:
 - a. Law enforcement awareness
 - b. Organization awareness
 - c. Public awareness
 - d. Public alerts for disposal and take-back events
 - e. Identify financial assistance opportunities



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Accepted Recommendations

2. To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the law enforcement agencies, increase number of law enforcement agencies participating as drug collection sites.



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Accepted Recommendations

3. To increase disposal opportunities via mail back programs and collection boxes provided by pharmacies:
 - b. Increase pharmacy collection and mail back participation.
4. Determine preferred methods for disposing of unwanted/needed drugs



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Short Term Recommendations

1. Increase voluntary participation of law enforcement installing drug collection boxes with goal of at least one collection box in every locality in VA
 - a. Action steps:
 - i. Send LE survey to identify number of localities with collection boxes, willingness, etc.
 - ii. Continue encouraging LE to obtain free collection boxes from identified source



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Short Term Recommendations

- iii. Provide ongoing funding for disposal efforts with flexibility for locality to determine best method for using funds



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Similar Actions Taken in Other States:

- PA - Drug and Alcohol Programming partnered with Commission on Crime and Delinquency and District Attorney Association
 - Grant funding approx. \$100,000 plus \$10,000 from non-profit to purchase 250 boxes for LE in 29 counties
 - Additional 100 pharmacy-donated collection boxes



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Similar Actions in Other States, cont.:

- GA – 180+ collection boxes
 - 1 in LE agency in every county
 - \$100,000 from The Council on Alcohol and Drugs
- NC - year-round collection boxes in LE
- WV – several counties with grant from Attorney General Public Health Trust to buy collection boxes



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2. Designate two fixed days biannually for statewide take-back events
 - a. Action steps:
 - i. Option 1: local LE collect drugs; transports drugs to regional locations, National Guard accompanied by LE transports drugs to Covanta for free incineration



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- ii. Option 2: local LE collect drugs; funding provided, by need, for each locality to dispose of own drugs collected



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Similar Actions Taken in other States:

- NC - Operation Medicine Drop, take-back campaign
 - turn in drugs annually during Poison Prevention Week
 - partnership of NC Dept of Insurance, Safe Kids North Carolina, State Bureau of Investigation; Riverkeepers Alliance and other agencies



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Similar Actions in other States, cont.:

- AK – police stations collect drugs, National Guard transports drugs, incineration donated
- WI- AG announced 2/15 that DOJ will cover take back events costs



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Statewide Take-Back Projections:

- Estimate collecting 25,000 pounds per event
- Estimate cost between \$20,000-\$50,000 per event



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Cost Projection Reasoning:

- DEA cost for VA in past events – approx. \$7,000-\$9,000/event
- WI 2012 Study
 - Assuming ½ time spent sorting and no disposal cost; minimum actual cost to VA = \$2.15/pound or \$53,750/event
- In 2015, WI projected \$20,000/year



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3. Increase voluntary participation of pharmacies installing drug collection boxes within long term care facilities
 - a. Action steps:
 - i. Provide funding for boxes or other incentives, e.g., Governor recognition, tax breaks, to encourage participation



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Cost of Example Collection Box in LTCF:

- MedSafe – purports to meet compliance with DEA rules
 - \$55-400/month depending on size of box and number of liners used per year



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4. Explore grant funding opportunities through:
 - OAG, e.g., asset forfeiture
 - DCJS, e.g., equipment grants
 - State appropriations



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5. Educate schools on drug destruction opportunities at end of school year
6. Educate public on opportunities to donate certain drugs to be redispensed to the indigent



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Legislative Recommendations

1. Any identified funding opportunities requiring legislative action



Storage & Disposal Workgroup Recommendations for Further Review and Consideration

1. Funding opportunities for drug disposal via an ultimate user tax and/or product stewardship fee

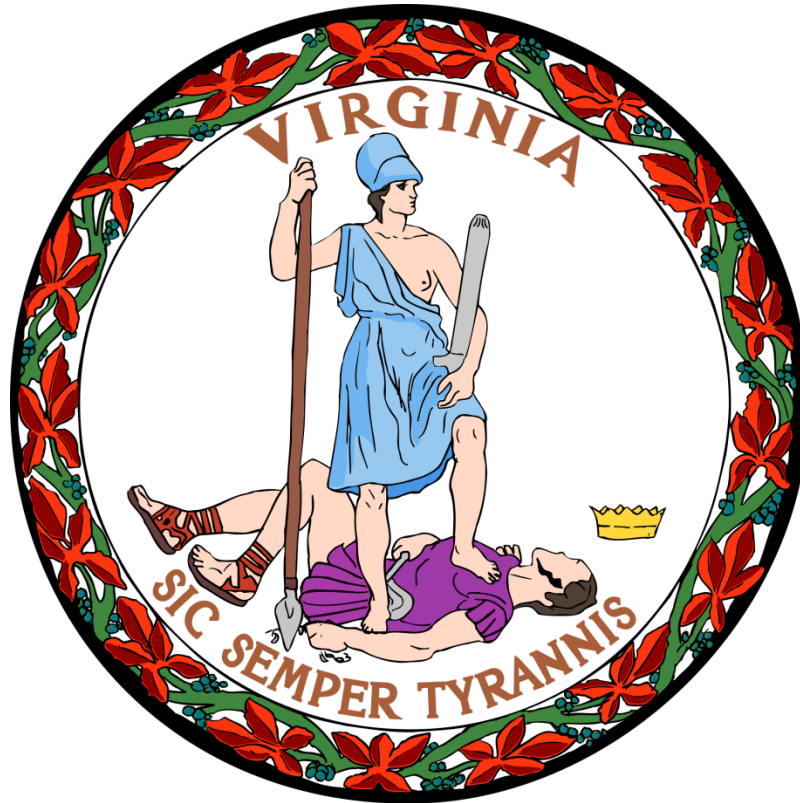


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Questions & Comments?



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