## San Diego County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force

Creating a Structure for Success



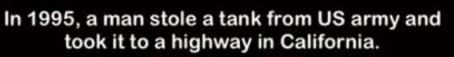
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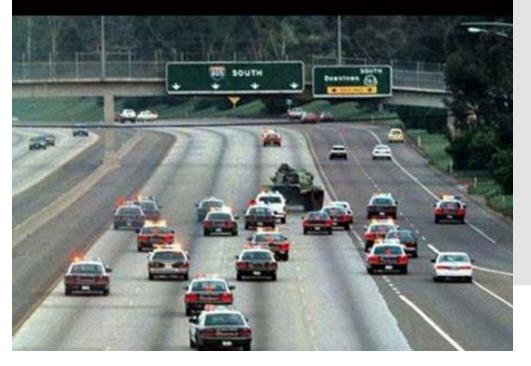


- I. HISTORY
- II. STRUCTURE
- III. ACTIVITIES
- IV. FUTURE GOALS

### METH STRIKE FORCE

- Multidisciplinary Volunteer Organization
- Authorized by Board of Supervisor in 1996
- Coordinating and planning body to reduce demand, availability, and accessibility of Methamphetamine in San Diego County
- Partnership with
  - Law Enforcement
  - Education
  - Policy
  - Public Health

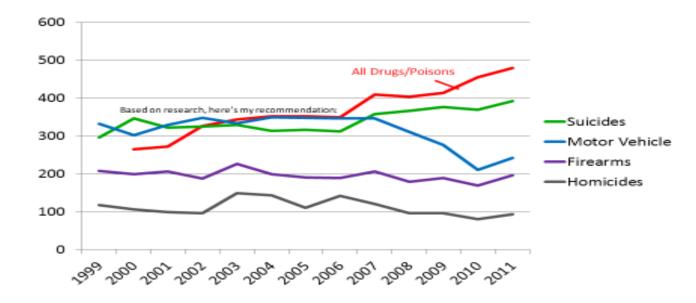




### Medical Examiner Data



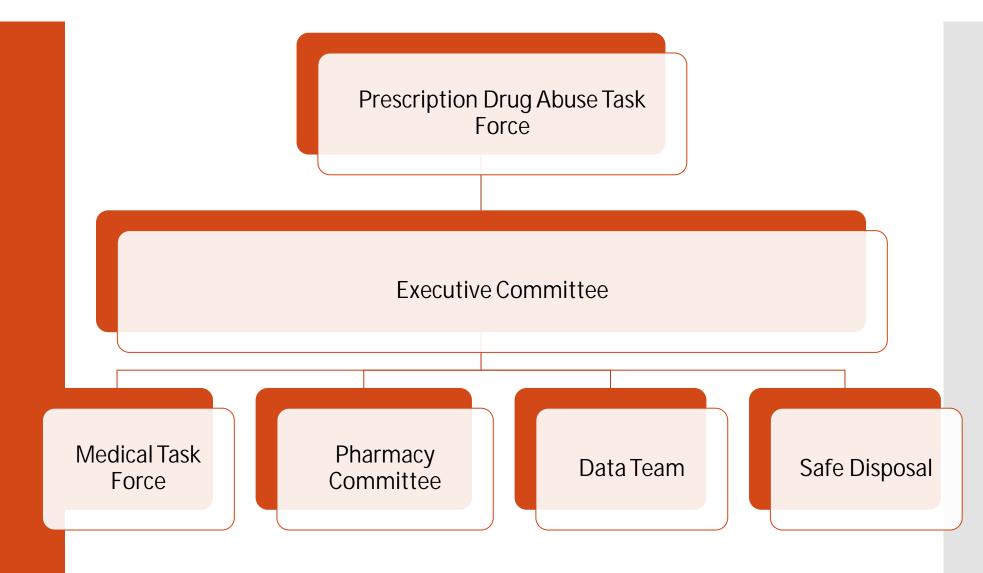
#### Drug/Med and Other Types of Deaths, 1999-2011 San Diego County



- Death as the Tip of the Iceberg
  - Reliable bottom line
  - Represent a portion of disease, addiction and related problems
- PDATF Convened a Process to Establish Additional Indicators
  - Recruited epidemiologist, evaluators, subject matter experts
  - Identify stable, reliable and available measures

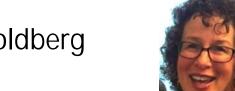
PDATF Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force

Oxy Task Force 2008 PDA TF 2010



### The Executive Committee

- Facilitator Angela Goldberg
- DEA Thomas Lenox
- Behavioral Health Alfredo Aguirre
- Prevention Linda Bridgeman Smith
- Medical Examiner Jonathan Lucas
- Medical Society Roneet Lev
- Hope2Gether Sherrie Rubin
- District Attorney Hugh Bach
- San Diego Sherriff– Todd Richardson
- Board of Supervisor Supervisor Dave Robert's Office
   Evan Bollinger
- HIDTA- John Redman
- US Attorney Office Cindy Cipriani

















### Task Force General Membership

Comprised of various State, Local & Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, Prevention, Treatment, Education, Parents, Physicians, Pharmacists, Legislative members, and Government agencies.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO











- Sheriff's Department
- DEA
- Department of Consumer Affairs
- DOJ
- UCSD Police
- District Attorney's Office
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Poison Control Center
- Pharmacists
- San Diego County Medical Society
- Health & Human Services
  - Behavioral Health
  - Dept. of Public Health
  - Prevention Coalitions

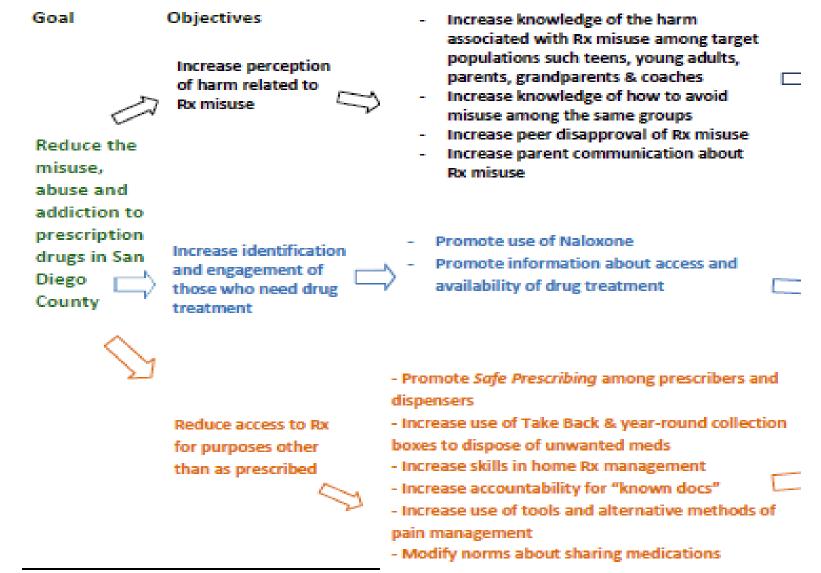
- County Probation Office
- County Board of Supervisors
- County Office of Education
- Medical Examiner's Office
- SANDAG-San Diego Association of Governments
- CBAG/HIDTA California Border
   Alliance Group, High Intensity Drug
   Trafficking Areas
- Phoenix House
- CRC, Community Resource Center
- McAllister Institute
- Among others....





### Three Long Term Objectives

### PDA Task Force Logic Model



### The Meetings



- Executive Committee meets quarterly
- Data once a year to create report card
- Media calendar planning events
- Medical quarterly
- Pharmacy every other month
- Safe Disposal monthly
- General Meeting quarterly varied topics and panels to foster collaboration across disciplines
  - Obstacles for Medical Community Prescribing
  - Campus Police
  - Drugged Driving
  - Safe Disposal Methods
  - From Addiction to Treatment

The PDA Medical Task Force, MTF

San Diego County Medical Society "Physicians United for a Healthy: San Diego" With the second second









- PDATF Facilitator
  Kaiser
  - Scripps
- Emergency Physicians Sharp
- Primary Care
- Pain Management
- Addiction

DEA

- Pharmacy
- Hospital Association
- Dental Association
- Psychiatric Association
- Pediatric Association



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San Diego County Medical Community 🙋

- Military
- Palomar Pomerado
- Indian Health
- Methadone Clinic





Organizing the Medical Community

PDA Medical Task Force

**Consensus on Key Tools** 

- ED Guidelines
- Medication Agreement
- Prescriber Guidelines
- How to say NO, Nicely



We care about you. We are and in the right way

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and department will only provide pain that are safe and correct

another health care provider.

you a small amount.

or your SAFETY, we follow these rules when helping you with your pair

and treat emergencies. We use our doment when treating pain follow legal and ethical advice 2 You should have only ONE provider and ONE pharmac

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3. If pain prescriptions are needed for pain, we can only giv 4. We do not refill stolen prescriptions. We do not refill lost prescriptions. If your prescription is stolen, please contact the police.

helping you with pain. We do not usually prescribe pair medication if you already receive pain medicine from

We do not prescribe long acting pain medicines: OxyCor tin, MSContin, Dilaudid, Fentanyl (Duragesic), Methadone, Opana ER, Exalgo, and others.

6. We do not provide missing doses of Subutex, Suboxone or Methadone

7. We do not usually give shots for flare--ups of chronic pair Medicines taken by mouth may be offered instead.

Health care laws, including HIPAA, allow us to ask for your nedical records. These laws allow us to share informatio with other health providers who are treating you.

9. We may ask you to show a photo ID when you receive a escription for pain medicine

10. We use the California Prescription Drug Monitoring Program called CURES. This statewide computer system tracts narcotic and other controlled substance prescriptions



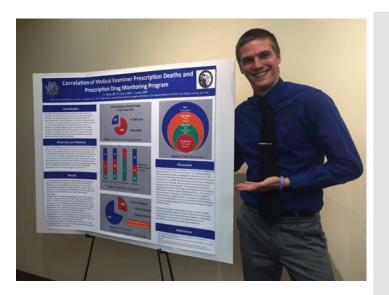
#### SAFE PAIN MEDICATION PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES

Prescription drug abuse has been declared an epidemic by the Centers for Disease Control. According to 2012 San Diego Medical Examiner data, the number one cause of non-natural death is due to drug overdoses and exceeds the number of deaths in motor vehicle crashes. The majority of these deaths are from prescription drugs.

The following guidelines are a collection of recommendations developed by the San Diego County Medical Society Prescription Drug Abuse Medical Task Force and draws on experience of various groups across the country. These are guidelines, not policies and up to physician discretion

### Medical Task Force

- Quarterly Meetings
  - Updates
  - Education
  - Case Studies
- Newsletter for Minutes
- Subcommittees for Projects
  - Emergency Guidelines
  - Urgent Care Guidelines
  - Medication Agreement
  - Treatment Guidelines
  - Naloxone Education
  - Pharmacy Provider Calling Guide
  - Health Plan Guidelines



Pharmacy Committee Improving Pharmacist/ Provider Communication

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- Red Flag Prescription Guide
- Naloxone Dispensing Education
- Provider Dispenser Calling Guide

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- Rx Abuse Education
- GenRx Students

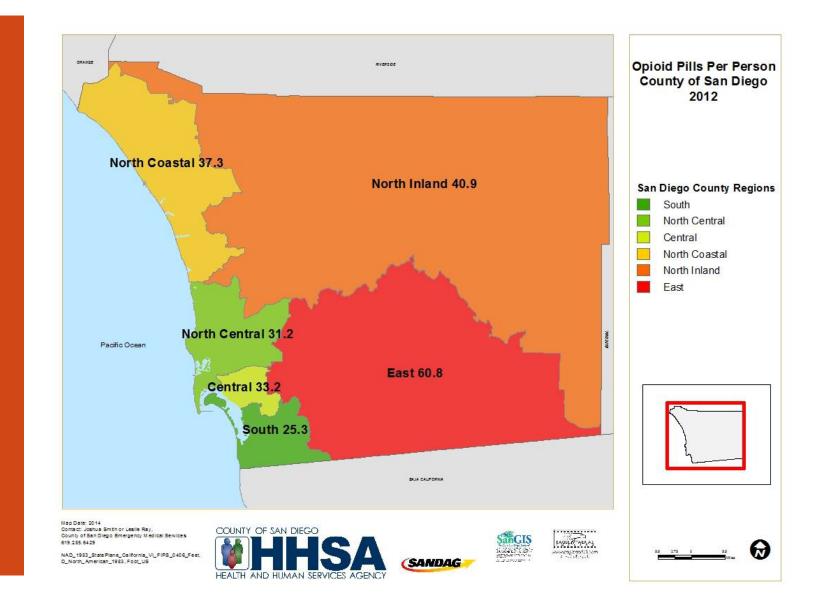


### Annual Report Card

2015 Prescription Drug (Rx) Abuse Report Card						
	Indicator	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1	Unintentional Rx-Related Deaths					
	Number	228	267	268	259	244
	<ul> <li>Rate per 100,000 residents<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	(8.5)	(9.8)	(9.8)	(8.2)	(7.6)
2	Emergency Room Painkiller-related Discharges					Not
	Number	2931	3,278	3,791	5,723	Available
	<ul> <li>Rate per 100,000 residents</li> </ul>	(91.1)	(105.2)	(121.2)	(181.7)	until 2016
3	Student Self Report Rx Misuse		19.6%		17%	
4	Total Adult Treatment Admissions					
4		13,893	13,696	14,383	16,629	16,104
	Percentage of Prescription Painkillers	4.1%	4.2%	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%
_	Percentage of Heroin	21.4%	22.0%	23.1%	24.8%	27.7%
5	Arrestees Self Report of Rx Misuse					
	Adult	40%	41%	38%	43%	39%
	Juvenile	31%	37%	40%	37%	37%
6	Rx Prosecutions					
	<ul> <li>Rx-specific Fraud Charge</li> </ul>	465	505	387	311	214
	<ul> <li>Other Charges with Rx-involved</li> </ul>	1,341	1,288	1,311	1,193	1,034
7	Pharmacy Robberies/Burglaries	14	26	8	5	8
8	Pounds of Safely Disposed Medications					
	Take Back Events	7,446	13,008	16,707	18,732	17,676
	<ul> <li>Sheriff's Department Collection Boxes</li> </ul>	3,400	5,128	9,902	13,872	13,079
9	Dispensed Pills Per County Resident	r.				· · · ·
	Painkillers <sup>2</sup>	33.4	35.9	37.9	36.3	36.3 <sup>3</sup>
	Anti-anxiety	13	13.3	13.8	13.7	13.3
	Stimulants	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.7

### CURES Data Report

painkillers anti-anxiety stimulants



### San Diego Death Diaries

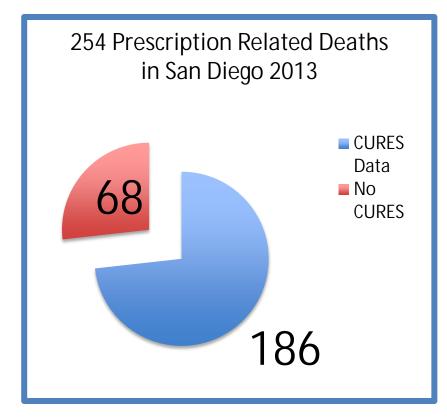


#### ME Data

- 254 deaths with prescriptions as cause of death
- Could be with alcohol, illicit, over the counter

#### CURES Data

- Dispensing Pharmacies
- Does Not Include
  - > VA
  - Balboa Naval Hospital
  - Methadone Clinics
  - Inpatient hospitals



### The Prescribers

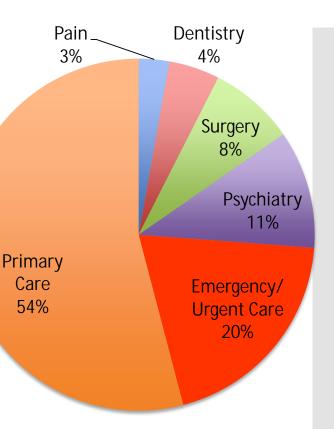
# 713 total good doctors

Primary Care: heavy half Psychiatry: #2 in prescriptions Emergency: prevention opportunity

#### **PRIMARY CARE**

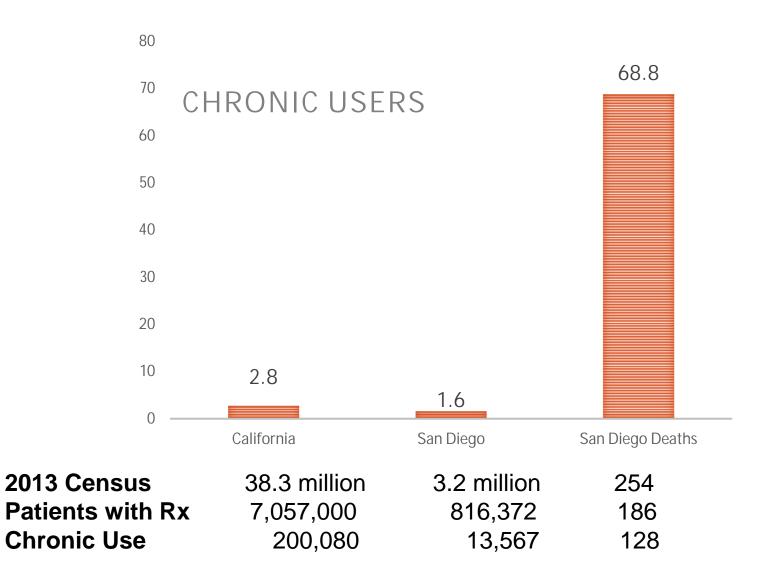
Cardiology Endocrinology Family Practice (17%) **General Practice** Gastroenterology GYN Infection Disease Internal Medicine (22%) Nephrology Neurology Nurse Practitioner (2.6%) Oncology Physician Assistant (6.3%) PM&R Rheumatology

#### PAIN Anesthesia Pain **SURGERY** ENT General Neurosurgery Ophthalmology Orthopedics Plastics Podiatry Radiology Urology Vascular



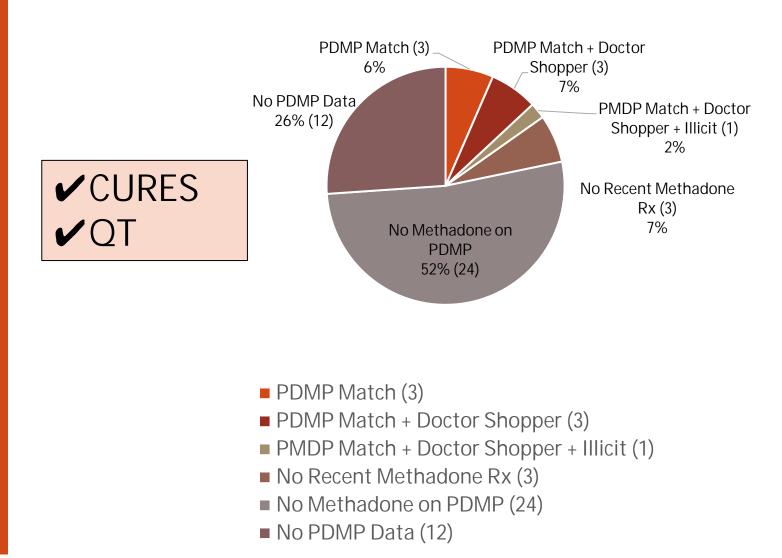
Chronic Use 3 or More Consecutive Months For Same Rx

69% of Deaths were Chronic Users; 96% of all Rx



### 46 Methadone Deaths

7 from CURES 39 or 85% outside CURES



ED Safe Prescribing Guidelines

As measured in Annual Survey

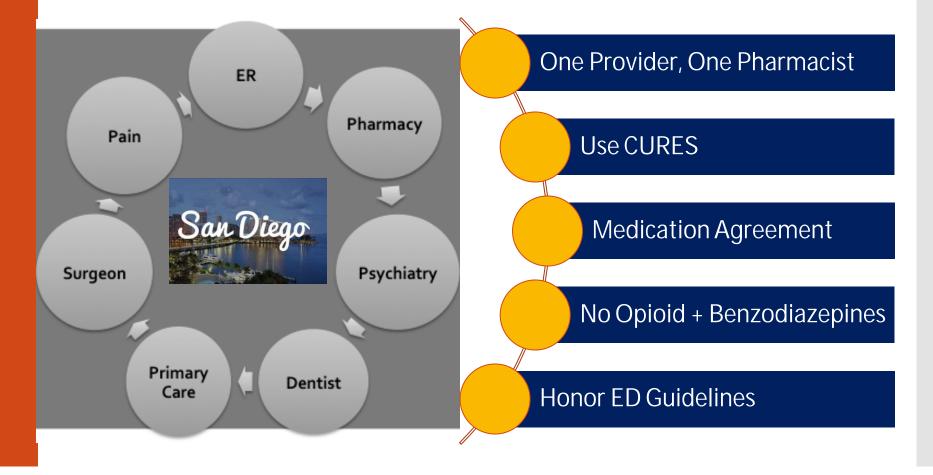
- 100% of EDs reported familiarity with guidelines
- 80-100% of physicians reported as following guidelines
- Handout Given to
  - 100% of patients 5 hospitals
  - Selected Patients 10
  - Not Using Children's, one other

Emergency Physicians Registration in CURES 50 50 50 2013 2014 2015

• 70% ED physicians have CURES

#### One San Diego Vision for Safe Prescribing

One San Diego Vision for all Medical Community



### Two Populations

#### **Prevention**

### Weaning



Working On: Pediatric Anticipatory Guidelines Lock It
Count It
Dispose It
Avoid It





SAFETY

**FIRST** 

### Health Plans

### Medi-Cal has 5 different plans

### Private Plans





- Model after Partnership Health Plan
- Benzodiazepine plus Opioids VA avoids combination
- Soma (Carisoprodol) off formulary
- Methadone- restricted provider
- Xanax non formulary
- High Dose Morphine Equivalent- prior authorization for new start > 90 MME
- New Start Opioids prior authorization for > 2-3 months











### Naloxone Distribution

- San Diego Sheriff Department pilot in Santee
  - 23 "saves"
- Training to patrol
- First in state to outfit every patrol car with Naloxone



### Safe Disposal

-Health -Law Enforcement -Environmental Health

- Take Back Events
   > 30,000 pounds a year collected
   40+ sites in county
- Developed County Ordinance to Permit Rx Collection Sites
   Now at every Sheriff substation
   Most other police stations
   Queries/model for 40 other communities
- Evaluating Sustainable Models and Local Infrastructure
- Recent Survey shows that 2/3 don't properly dispose of unwanted medication



Parents as Activists

# The Face of the Epidemic



- Fed-Up Coalition
- Media Presence
  - YouTube
  - Facebook
  - Interviews
    - Such as Maria Shriver & Today Show
  - Documentaries
    - Such as A Dose of Reality with LA Times
- Education High School
  - Real Estate Agents
  - Community Opportunities

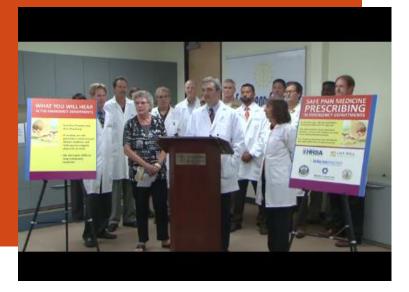


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### Media Strategic Use of News Media via Media Events, Radio/TV shows, pitching reporters, etc.



- Report Card
- Take Back Events
- ED Guidelines
- Medication Agreement
- One San Diego Vision, Integrative Conference
- Medication Disposal Media Event
- Web Site, Facebook
- "Specialty" Publications: 4 Journal articles, San Diego Physician Magazine

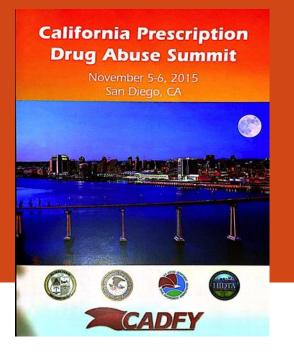


### Communications

Eg: -March Rx Awareness Month - HOPE partner with 100's of presentations - Take Back messages



### Conferences



- 2012 Rx, Meth, and Emerging Drug Conference
- 2013 San Diego Drug Abuse Integrative Conference
- 2014 San Diego Integrated Medical Conference
- 2015 California State Wide Summit
- 2016 CHCF, California HHS Conference
- 2017 State Wide Conference



### Wish List



#### Federal

- Patient Satisfaction is Obstacle to Safe Prescribing
- CURES gold standard: Universal, Real Time, Actively Managed
- State
  - Data comparison for state
  - Education Databank
  - Law enforcement allowed to assist with court mandated rehab, allow CURES access
  - Pain CME, not biased towards pharmaceutical industry

#### Local

- Health Plan Best Practices
- Feedback from Medical Examiner to Provider
- Pediatrician involved in prevention
- Unified Media Message

### References



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