



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Summer Roundtable 6/4/2025

During the Opioid Abatement Fund Council (OAFC) Summer Roundtable on June 4, 2025, program staff provided updates on the OAFC's work and included resources on how to engage. Additionally, participants heard a presentation from University Health on its statewide naloxone distribution project funded by the OAFC, Texas Overdose Prevention (TX-OP).

Below, are questions asked and answers given during the roundtable. Please note that there are two sections of this document: (1) Questions regarding OAFC updates answered by OAFC program staff, and (2) Questions regarding TX-OP's presentation answered by TX-OP.

#### **Questions for OAFC:**

- 1. Is the OAFC targeted grant strategy (recovery housing) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) expected to be awarded to a single entity for statewide implementation or to be allotted per hospital district as the recent CORE opportunity was?**
  - a. The NOFA is still being drafted, so it has not yet been determined if there will be one or more awardees.
- 2. There was mention of a survey that OAFC will send to political subdivisions later in the year. Is this part of the required annual reporting requirements for the third distribution? Also, are political subdivisions required to report on the first two opioid distributions?**
  - a. Political subdivisions are not required to report on the first two opioid distributions received in 2023 and 2024. This reporting requirement applies for funds received in 2025 (the third disbursement) and going forward. OAFC staff will be sending out instructions and reminders towards the end of this year. *Note that Hospital Districts have to report on all disbursements; the first report was due March 2025.*

**3. Has OAFC considered any projects regarding children exposed to opioids in utero, or neonatal abstinence withdrawal?**

- a. OAFC has not directed a grant for this purpose, but CORE grant applicants can select that strategy as an option. Dr. Sanjay Patel is a Council member who specializes in neonatal care.

**4. Are there any projected timelines for OAFC's Spring Community-based Opioid Response Effort (CORE) grant awards?**

- a. Please refer to the approximate Schedule of Events in the NOFA, which estimates that notices of awards may be issued in July-August. Note that there are multiple levels of careful review and evaluation for each application.

[Texas Overdose Prevention \(TX-OP\)](#) is funded by a grant from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (OAFC). Based in San Antonio, Texas, TX-OP is a public health program that will expand and enhance overdose prevention for individuals living with, or at risk of developing a substance use disorder. TX-OP presented at the OAFC Summer Roundtable and answered questions from participants. These answers to participant questions below were provided by TX-OP.

**Questions for University Health's Texas Overdose Prevention Program (TX-OP):**

**1. Does TX-OP cover the costs of naloxone dispensing machines?**

- a. TX-OP does not cover dispensers or dispensing machines. [Texas Overdose Data to Action](#), a program within the Texas Department of State Health Services, will soon be providing grants for those services.

**2. Which of the 20 Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHP) regions have received naloxone from TX-OP?**

- a. In April 2025, regions 6 and 13 received naloxone from TX-OP. In May 2025, TX-OP distributed naloxone to 16 of 20 regions with regions 6, 10, and 15 receiving the most.

**3. Is TX-OP connecting people with education and treatment/intervention services?**

- a. Some of University Health's other grants provide for treatment and intervention services. TX-OP has been working with Texas Overdose Data to Action to build

out a network for statewide or region-specific services. There is a directory on [TX-OP's website](#) for services and resources.

**4. Will TX-OP's May report list the organizations that have received naloxone?**

- a. Yes, TX-OP sends detailed monthly reports to OAFC about how much naloxone has been ordered and where it is shipped. At this time, neither OAFC nor TX-OP will post this information online.

**5. It sounds like TX-OP's focus has been on engaging urban areas. How is TX-OP changing its engagement approach for rural communities?**

- a. TX-OP is trying to think outside of the box when it comes to engaging rural communities. When unable to connect with a community organization in the area, TX-OP is exploring central locations such as libraries that can connect to many locations and people.

**6. May TX-OP's resource be shared with support groups for people living with substance use disorders and their families, or is the program more tailored to community organizations?**

- a. TX-OP has mostly connected with community organizations up to this point, but the program is open to other connections and does ship naloxone to residences. Please share this resource with anyone who may be interested.

**7. Has TX-OP considered populations that tend to be prescribed opioids for pain, such as rodeo associations, elderly, etc.?**

- a. TX-OP has been thinking about managed care homes for the elderly but had not considered rodeo associations. TX-OP loves the idea and will note it as a future potential resource.

**8. Previously there have been issues receiving naloxone in a timely manner. With TX-OP's naloxone grant, will the supply be readily available if ordering large amounts for organizations?**

- a. TX-OP is currently purchasing naloxone through the University Health pharmacy and is not having supply issues at this time. The goal is to contract with the naloxone manufacturers to obtain naloxone straight from the source for better pricing and easier access to bulk orders.

**9. Would it be possible to share a copy of TX-OP's slide deck with attendees?**

- a. Yes, TX-OP's slides from the roundtable are posted on OAFC's [Outreach webpage](#).

**10. Is TX-OP shipping naloxone to region 2 (rural Harris/Chambers/Liberty County)?**

- a. Yes, TX-OP ships naloxone statewide.

**11. Does TX-OP distribute naloxone to schools?**

- a. TX-OP has not yet distributed naloxone to schools but is open to doing so.