



Inland Empire Health Plan: Opioids Crisis Coalition

WORK TO DATE

In response to the opioid public health crisis, local health care leaders formed the Inland Empire Opioid Crisis Coalition. The coalition has been tasked to recommend a multi-pronged strategy to reduce opioid prescription and deaths. This Coalition includes the following key medical and community organizations:

- Riverside and San Bernardino County Public Health Departments
- Riverside and San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Departments
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- Local Health Plans: Inland Empire Health Plan, Kaiser, and Molina
- Local Hospital Systems: Riverside University Health System and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Loma Linda University Medical Center, etc.
- Local Pain Physicians
- California Emergency Physicians
- San Bernardino County Medical Society
- Riverside County Medical Association

The Inland Empire Opioid Crisis Coalition began as a hospital focused strategy in 2015. In 2016, the Coalition released a hospital emergency department (ED) toolkit on safe opioid prescribing strategies. In 2017, the Coalition expanded stakeholders and developed the following strategic objectives:

- Interdisciplinary integration and collaboration strategies
- Educate medical providers and community members of the risks of opioid use
- Report and analyze local opioid related data to monitor outcomes
- Improve access to treatment for both providers and individuals
- Decrease prescriptions of opioids
- Monitor and continue to expand the ED toolkit use

Each strategic objective will have a workgroup that works closely with the steering committee to develop an overall strategy with actionable objectives for each group. A contractor has been hired to organize the meetings, facilitate discussions, develop communication materials, and ensure communication between the steering committee and workgroups.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

- 2015** – Inland Empire Safe Opioid Prescribing Medical Task Force formed
- 2016** – Inland Empire Safe Opioid Prescribing Medical Task Force released ED toolkit
- 2017** – Inland Empire Safe Opioid Prescribing Medical Task Force became the Inland Empire Opioid Crisis Coalition, expanded stakeholders and developed new strategic objectives to focus on specific tactics to reduce prescription drug use and death
- 2018** – Inland Empire Opioid Crisis Coalition accepted into California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) Opioid Safety Network Accelerator Program to connect Coalitions across the state