



Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) and Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition (MCSAC) partnered in April 2019 as a result of a \$65,700.00 grant awarded to MCHD. The purpose of this grant focused on community convening which led to the creation of the Monroe County Opioid Task Force. This current task force includes numerous Monroe County agencies with various sector representation and continues to meet on a quarterly basis.

The task force met on a regular basis for over a year to create the Monroe County Opioid Strategic Plan, and in addition, the publication of the Monroe County Opioid Assessment. These documents are shared below in the following links, and we encourage you to review them. A multi-faceted approach focusing on harm reduction, abstinence, traditional treatment, medication assisted treatment, peer recovery coaching, Naloxone training and access, crime reduction and education will assist and guide our community to address the opioid and heroin epidemic.

Workgroups have formed and action steps are being identified to meet the outcomes listed in the Strategic Plan. Progress is reported on a quarterly basis, and it is the hope and intent to decrease the number of fatal overdoses as the overall outcome.

A list of participating sectors and agencies can be found in the assessment. A big thank you to the agencies and organizations for their assistance and participation on the Monroe County Opioid Task Force as we continue to move forward in addressing the opioid crisis in Monroe County.

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