

Overdose Response Strategy Data Collection

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Proposed Changes: Justification and Overview

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We are requesting changes to the approved OMB data collection “Overdose Response Strategy Data Collection, instrument Attachment I – ORS Quarterly Reporting Template. The requested changes are necessary due to updated program language, which resulted from strategic planning activities carried out over the last year. To improve clarity, the program’s “goals and strategies” – groupings historically used to categorize programmatic activities – needed to be updated. As a result, programmatic projects that were previously categorized based on their alignment to 4 goals and 28 strategies are now categorized based on an updated list of 4 strategies and 12 activities (see below for a listing of the updated strategies and activities as well as the original “Goals and Strategies”).

- The public does not need to know about the changes being requested.
- The changes do not in any way alter the purpose of the project.
- The changes do not alter the methodology being used.
- The changes do not significantly affect the burden on respondents, although we believe they may reduce burden somewhat due to greater clarity and less potential for redundancy.
- The changes do not alter the interpretation of results.

Here is a summary of the changes being requested:

- **Attachment I: ORS Quarterly Reporting Template**
 - Questions are now organized according to updated program strategies and activities for clearer alignment between activities and associated outcomes.
 - Updated drop-down lists of (fewer) strategies and activities replace previous (more lengthy) lists of goals and strategies.
 - Previous open text fields, which asked about projects, are now organized by strategy. As a result, skip patterns in the reporting system prompt responses only to relevant data fields depending on the strategies and activities identified by the reporter.
 - A small number of questions have been removed because they no longer align with the program’s strategies or activities.

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Updated Strategies and Activities:

Strategy 1 (SHARE & CONNECT) – Expand access and quality of cross-sector data, insights and trends to inform a coordinated response to the overdose crisis.

1.1 Maintain or improve the functionality (e.g., access, timeliness, accuracy or content) of existing data systems or create new data systems to meet an identified need.

1.2 Develop, design or disseminate data briefs, reports, presentations, visualizations, or bulletins on drug trends and emerging threats

1.3 Disseminate intelligence on interdiction and drug trafficking patterns/trends.

Strategy 2 (COLLABORATE) – Build sustained cross-sector coordination and collaboration to enhance overdose prevention and response efforts.

2.1 Facilitate cross-sector partnerships for the purposes of leveraging or optimizing resources.

2.2 Support the development or implementation of multi-sector teams, taskforces or workgroups.

2.3 Develop, test and refine multi-sector rapid response or spike response plans.

Strategy 3 (INFORM & PROMOTE) – Educate and train community members and partners on effective* overdose prevention, treatment and recovery strategies.

3.1 Support the dissemination of communication campaigns and informational materials.

3.2 Develop or deliver trainings to partners or community members.

3.3 Host or participate in community events that support overdose prevention, treatment or recovery awareness.

Strategy 4 (HELP & IMPLEMENT) - Help partners implement, improve and expand access to effective* overdose prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

4.1 Support partners in developing protocols and strategies for implementing effective interventions (e.g., naloxone distribution, MOUD).

4.2 Assist partners in implementing programs for intended audiences and communities at increased risk of overdose.

4.3 Provide technical assistance to support monitoring program impact and the implementation of effective strategies.

Previous list of Goals and Strategies:

GOAL 1: Share data systems to inform rapid and effective community overdose prevention efforts.

1.1 Formalizing/arranging data sharing partnerships

1.2 Data transfer between organizations or agencies

1.3 Opioid-related database management and maintenance

1.4 Drug-related data collection, analysis, or dissemination (e.g., presentations, reports, publications)

1.5 ODMAP usage for strategic planning at the local level

1.6 Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs)

1.7 Public Health and Public Safety Teams (PHAST)

1.8 Environmental scans or assessment

1.9 Other

GOAL 2: Support immediate, evidence-based response efforts that can directly reduce overdose deaths.

2.1 Targeted naloxone distribution

2.2 Increased access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT)

2.3 911 Good Samaritan Law

2.4 Naloxone distribution in treatment centers and the criminal justice system

2.5 MAT in the criminal justice system and upon release

2.6 Initiation of buprenorphine-based MAT in Emergency Departments

2.7 Syringe services programs

2.8 Other

GOAL 3: Design and use promising strategies at the intersection of public health and public safety.

3.1 Pre-arrest diversion programs

3.2 Safe station programs

3.3 Drug courts

3.4 Post-overdose outreach programs

3.5 Stigma reduction and/or compassion fatigue programs for first responders

3.6 Rapid response strategies (e.g., response protocols for OD cluster or pain clinic closure)

3.7 Other

GOAL 4: Disseminate information to support the implementation of evidence-informed prevention strategies that can reduce substance use and overdose.

4.1 Support the development and dissemination of overdose prevention communications campaigns

4.2 Host or contribute to community events that support overdose prevention awareness

4.3 Develop and disseminate overdose prevention informational materials

4.4 Build capacity among partners to identify, select, and/or implement appropriate evidence-informed prevention strategies